

President's Corner

My fellow Sportsmen,

If you are a hunter, whether you hunt upland, waterfowl or big game, this is an exiting time of year. We just finished the annual youth deer hunt here on the Handy's Bend grounds and we brought a young man through his right of passage with his first harvest. Hunter Richardson took a button buck on Sunday October 15th hunting with his dad and grandfather. We had a great hunt and deer camp as usual and as many as 10 kids took to the woods, with the weather as good as we've had in 3 or 4 years. Congratulations Hunter!

It is also an exiting time for the BGS� membership. As I promised in my last term, we will bring the BGS� Constitution & By-Laws up to date and start the process of the bright future. At the October BGS� General Meeting, we entertained 5 motions from the floor to make some changes to the Constitution & By-Laws. All were sponsored and seconded by multiple members and were accepted for consideration and a vote in December. These motions are posted in this issue of the newsletter and will be read at the November General Meeting during Old Business. In December, we will read them a 3rd time and the floor will be open for discussion and we will vote. We will not be done with this vote. At the November meeting, another set of proposed changes will hit the floor for an initial vote and will be set to discuss and vote in January 2007. It is possible to get a 3rd set in December for a vote in February.

The issues in November will be geared towards member recruitment and membership qualification as well as member services. The By-Laws say to do it a certain way and that way is geared for the Richmond Road club. It is a different world down here in Wilmore and we must adapt, we must operate in an environment that allows us to be proactive with recruiting. The big issue will to develop a Standing Membership Committee and staff it. Believe it or not, the BGS� has no Committee working on this issue. I want to change this and get very aggressive with the tasks that this Committee will tackle.

We need to get a handle on our budget forecasting abilities and membership dues are our bread and butter. These proposed changes will give us a better tool to forecast income and member attrition as well. All these proposed changes are not intended to confuse anyone but to educate us and get our house in order. It is your club, your Constitution and your club's bright future. Please be a part of this exiting time in the long history of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League.

At your service,
Greg Delabar
president@bgsllinc.com

The government is too big, the business model is flawed and the processes are too slow!

Next Meeting

Tuesday — November 7, 7:30pm
Please direct any membership concerns to the
BGS� bookkeeper at 859-858-4060 or
e-mail at BGSLLinc.com

Trap Division

The ATA target year is slowing down this time of year and we have had a great time at the trap division. BGS� members should come by more often and enjoy one of the finest trap ranges in the country. We are open on Thursday nights and will be open 2 Sundays a month during Nov.- Feb. At our Trap Division Meeting Oct. 1, 2006, we discussed the ever increasing cost of targets and increase price of fuel for delivery; therefore, we MUST raise our prices, effective immediately. Practice rounds will be \$4.00 for BGS�-Trap Division members, \$5.00 for BGS� Members and \$7.00 for non-members. Juniors and Sub-juniors will shoot practice for \$2.00 per round of 25 targets. Also, we must make enough profit to repair our machines (i.e. flooding occurred during one of our MONSOONS) and to maintain them. If you want to save a few bucks you can buy 30 rounds for \$100.00. To save money, we encourage everyone to join the trap division at \$20.00 per year.

Our ATA registered shoots will also be going up next year, \$24.00 per hundred. We had a big debate over all of the increases; however, the realities discussed above must be dealt with increased prices if we are "going to keep the door open".

Also, in honor of Woodson King, our Trap line will be known as the Woodson King Trap line. Woodson was a friend to the Trap Division and he still is sorely missed by his friends and the division.

I would like to encourage you to come on down to the trap range, and "Smoke a bird, trap style".

Charlie Becknell
Trap Division Vice president

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delabar, Hager, Burke, Blackburn, Jacobs, Kass, Mulchay, Morgan, Burgess, Maness, Cox, Piotrowski, Tester, Bowman, McFadden, West, Moore, Caudill, Gehlbach, Pinkston, Beers, Lyons, Phinney, and Sanders.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fister, Steel, Ruland, Niblett, Barnes, and Ore

STAFF PRESENT: O'Neill

CHAPLAIN: Cottingim

President Greg Delabar called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Secretary Hager called the roll and a **quorum was present.**

2. READING OF MINUTES

Secretary Terry Hager presented the minutes from the August 29, 2006 Board Meeting. **Motion #1 by McFadden, second by Morgan to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer John Burke read the treasurer's report. Treasurer Burke reported that the tobacco buy-out money would be listed as a separate asset on the balance sheet starting next month. **Motion #2 by Jacobs, second by Maness to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

President Delabar stated that Operations Manager, Ben Riffell is on vacation. Clay Caudill reported a concern at the GP Range.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Delabar reported that he would be presenting the budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year later in the meeting.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Delabar stated that most of the committees are not staffed and therefore a report will not be forthcoming.

Clubhouse and Lodge President Delabar stated that the GP Range is still improving.

Constitution and Bylaws President Delabar stated that a By-laws package would be presented later in the meeting for approval to put before the general membership.

Farm Finance. Secretary Terry Hager reported No Report
Treasurer John Burke distributed the divisional electric bills. President Burke stated that he would like to do an electronic funds transfer from the division's accounts once the monthly electric bill is paid. Treasurer Burke stated that he would be having a Treasurer's meeting in October.

Security. Claude Jacobs stated that there was no report.

Wildlife and Natural Resources Committee - Chairman Phinney stated there was no report.

Youth. President Delabar stated that there was no report.

Membership. President Delabar stated that there was no report.

Signs - President Delabar stated that there was no report.

Training Committee - President Delabar stated that there was no report.

Technology - Richard Gehlbach stated that there was no report.

Trails - John Burke stated that there was no report.

Human Resources - Chairman Dr. Blackburn stated that there was no report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business presented.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. **BGSL Budget 2006/2007.** President Delabar presented the BGSL Operating Budget for 2006/2007. There was much detailed discussion by the Board members. **Motion #3 by Burke, second by McFadden to approved the 2006/2007 budget as presented. Motion passed 21-2. Voting for the Motion: Hager, Burke, Blackburn, Jacobs, Kass, Mulcahy, Morgan, Burgess, Maness, Cox, Piotrowski, Tester, Bowman, McFadden, West, Moore, Caudill, Gehlbach, Lyons, Phinney, and Sanders. Voting against the motion was: Beers and Pinkston.**

2. **Constitution and By-laws Changes.** President Delabar presented to the Board 4 proposed Constitution and By-laws Changes which are 1) Abolish Junior Membership; 2) Guest fees and policy - Proposal is to have the Board set the guest pass fee; 3) General Membership Meeting Agenda - Proposal is to eliminate Committee/ Division Reports and 4) Restructure of the Board of Directors - Proposal is to change the division members elected to the Board from 2 to 1 and add an additional Director -At-Large position. There was much discussion by the Board. There was a consensus by the Board to present all four changes to the General Membership on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 for consideration.

3. **Rifle Division Finances/NRA High Power**
Treasurer Burke presented a letter that was sent to the Rifle Division regarding proper reporting of high power's finances in accordance with the fiscal policy. Jack Lyons stated that the matter is under review by the Rifle Division.

4. **Elkhorn Paddlers -October 7th-Camp in the Bottoms**
President Delabar requested approval for the Elkhorn Paddlers Association to camp in the River Bottoms on October 7th. President

Delabar stated that this is an annual event.

Motion #4 by McFadden, second by Pinkston to approve the request from the Elkhorn Paddlers Association to camp in the river bottoms on October 7, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. **2007 American Airgun Field Target Association National Championships.** Jamie Piotrowski reported that the Airgun Division has been asked to host the American Airgun Field Target Association National Championship on September 6 and 7, 2007. Mr. Piotrowski stated that hosting this event would involve the use of the kitchen, clubhouse and other venues. **Motion #5** by Piotrowski, second by Cox to allow the Airgun Division to host the 1007 American Airgun Field Target Association National Championships over the dates of September 6-9, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **MOTIONS:**

Motion #8 by Beers, second by Pinkston to allow Pointer Setter Division to hold open events on the following dates: October 28, 2006 (Division Only)

November 4, 2006, November 25, 2006, December 9, 2006 (Youth Trial), December 10, 2006, December 23, 2006, January 6, 2007, January 20, 2006, February 3, 2006, February 10, 2006, February 17, 2006, March 3, 2006 and March 10, 2007 (Division only). **Motion #9** by Burke to table until further information is obtained. **Motion #9** carried unanimously.

Motion #10 by Kass, second by Jacobs to indemnify the previous Board of Officers and Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #11 by Gehlbach, second by Caudill to move the date for the Basic Defensive Handgun Skills course to November 25-26, 2006. The class is currently scheduled for November 11-12, 2006. Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Outdoors Women's League (OWL)

Sporting Clays Saturday, November 18, 2006 (Tentative)

A reminder that the OWL's next meeting (Tentative) Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30 at the new Bob Ev- an's in Nicholasville. Call Amy Yeager 859.936.6937 to confirm. All women are invited to attend. Come and enjoy dinner and a meeting as we gear up for future events and fun.

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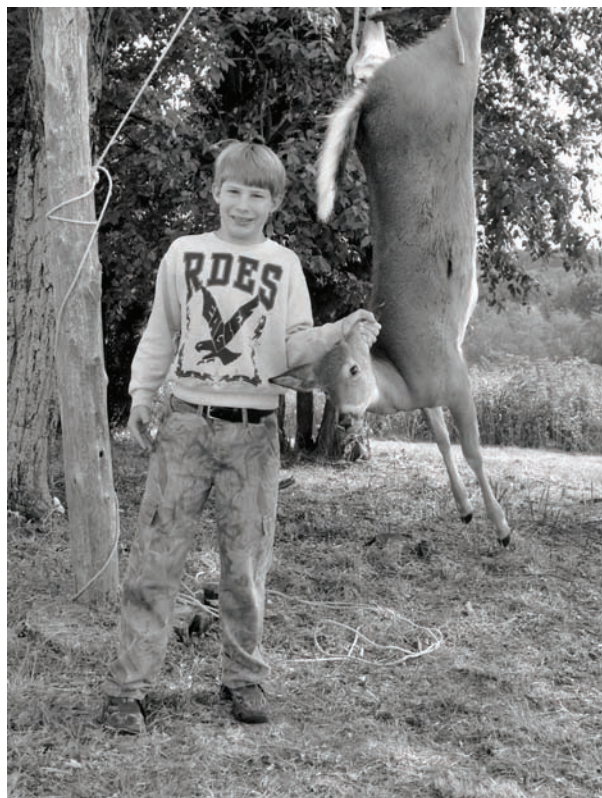
Some of the upcoming events are:

**Saturday 1PM @ November 4th
Centerfire Rifle @ BGSL Rifle Range**

Bring out your deer rifle and join us for a day on the big Rifle Range. We will have some equipment to lend and will spend some time 1 on 1 instruction with Centerfire rifles. We will shoot and zero out to 300 yards.

**Saturday December 2nd
Wild Game Dinner @ (TBA)**

BRING-A-KID / TEACH-A-KID



Hunter Richardson

Hunter Richardson, hunting with his dad Greg Richardson, harvested his 1st deer, a Button Buck on Sunday Oct 15th at the Youth Deer Hunt and Camp based out of the Delabar Lodge.

Youth Committee:

youth@bgslinc.com

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Jim & Amy Yeager 859-936-6937

Greg Richardson 859-885-7471

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Please call for more information

BGSL Bass Division



August 26th, Cumberland Lake, and we fish from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Evidently some people cannot handle that much fishing because only 10 people showed up with five boats willing to try anything. Personally I don't think there is anything better than being on the lake when the sun goes down and then to see it come back up over the lake.

Everyone fished really hard but we have just had bad luck with the weather this year. We have had a cold front go through the night before or rain and storms for almost every tournament this year. We keep hanging in there and someone always figures it out.

The ones that figured this one out were Mike and Sandy Jones. They were in first place. Second place was Bobby Brinegar and Harold Rhodus. Third place went to Mike Kass and Claude Jacobs. Big Fish went to Mike Kass

Well we are down to the last regular tournament of the year, September 30, which was held at Green River Lake. The tournament itself is secondary, as there are five guys who will have a chance to be named Fisherman of the Year. The tension is high at the ramp before we start and everyone is trying to act as though they don't feel the pressure but it is there. As usual there had been a huge rain the week before and Green River Lake is up 10 feet above summer pool.

Everyone left the ramp with great expectations but eventually expectation turned into desperation.

1st Place was Jerry Thompson

2nd Place was Bob Walker

3rd Place was Bobby Brinegar

Big Fish went to Bob Walker

4th Place was Mike Kass and that gave him enough points to be named Fisherman of the Year.

Congratulations Mike "The Fisherman" "Kass the Man" "The Fisherman".

A celebration is in the planning stages. We are trying to rent the infield at the Red Mile for a giant fish fry, but Mike will have to catch the fish. Well, this is still in the planning stages and we will let you know.

Congratulations again Mike Kass

Submitted by: John Lingenfelte

From the BGSL Chaplain

It was a dark and stormy night. I have always wanted to write a story that began with that line, and now I can. I am sure you remember September 22 of this year, the night we had over eight inches of rain in the Central Kentucky area accompanied by all the wind and lightening. *That* was a dark and stormy night! The story is about the BGSL youth camping event that started earlier that evening.

We got camp set up in a nice break in the weather; the rain had stopped and the sky even cleared some. A campfire was lit and was burning beautifully by dark and the kids had a football game going strong on the front yard of the Lodge. I had to interrupt the game for the evening meal. Hotdogs and marshmallows were cooked and consumed and the football game resumed. As bedtime got closer, lightening began to light up the night. Everyone settled down in their tents for the night; or so we thought.

Within a half an hour the storm hit. After one of the tents was blown flat, everyone made a dash through the storm to the safety of the Lodge. But as soon as the storm diminished to a light rain the football game started up again. This pattern stayed with us for the rest of the weekend. Light rain and football; storm and wet kids; morning football interrupted for breakfast; break in the weather for LKS rifle match; football interrupted for lunch; fishing tournament interrupted for storm; football game interrupted for fish fry.

Throughout the whole event, with all the storms and wet kids and gear (the carpet in my van is still wet), there was almost *no* complaining. Wet or not, storm or not, flat tent or not, the kids had fun. It occurred to me these kids know how to be Sportsmen. That is what Sportsmen do, isn't it? Get outside in whatever the weather might be, and hunt, fish, shoot; you know, have fun.

It has also occurred to me that we at BGSL have not viewed kids from the correct perspective. We often say kids are the future of the club. That is so, but it is not complete. Kids are also our present. Now. Today.

We are about to vote to change our constitution to do away with youth memberships and replace them with a mentoring policy that will allow members to bring kids, any kids, to the club without cost. Once here, we are to teach them, (and learn from them), how to be Sportsmen. I strongly urge you to attend the next several club meetings to vote to support this change. Then bring some kids to the club.

I brought thirteen kids (and some parents) from the youth group at *Lansdowne Church* to take part in the camping event. Why not bring or invite the youth group from your church to SCOPE events here at the club? You can also urge your division to come out to support these events. Or, you can join the Youth Committee and work directly with the kids. And don't forget to drop a donation in one of the red SCOPE boxes to help finance the events.

At the time, fighting the horizontal rain trying to keep the kids safe took all my attention and energy. But those kids are worth *our* efforts. *It was a dark and stormy night* and it was an adventure I would not want to have missed. See you at the club.

Blessings,

Tom

Muzzle Loading Division

The new officers for the division are: President-Glen Teater, V.P. Tom Hardigree, Treasurer-Marvin Inman, Secretary-Jeanette Hillard, and Directors are Harold Moore and John Ruland.

At our October open shoot, the top shooter was Harold Moore. I think all shooters won on at least one target. We congratulated Jim Dixon on his 39th birthday for the 42nd time and shared some birthday cake. Jim finally admitted that some people have told him he may be 81. It's great to have him in our division and wish him many more birthdays.

We voted at the meeting to not have a shoot on the fourth Sunday in December due to the Christmas holidays. We will have the silver shoot on the first Sunday in December with a woods walk shoot on the fifth Sunday. The shoot schedule for all other months remains the same. We have our open shoots the fourth Sunday of each month and any month with the fifth Sunday, remember to attend our woods walk shoot which is a blanket shoot. On the first Sunday of the month we have a members silver shoot. We plan to start shooting re-entry targets at the silver shoot so the time has been set for 11:00 a.m. if you want to shoot these targets, and shooting for the silver will begin at 1:00 p.m. Come out and join us for any of our shoots.

We look forward to seeing new faces on the range and having more folks join in the fun of shooting black powder rifles.

If you would like more information on our division and the shoots, please call Glen Teater @ 859-885-9941.

Submitted by: J. Hillard
Division Secretary

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Pistol Division



Pistol Division elections were held at the September meeting. The new 2006-07 officers are: President – Lin Edwards, Vice-President – Paul DeMichele, Secretary – Carole Bryant, Treasurer – Kevin Carroll, Directors – Richard Gehlbach and Clay Caudill.

Pistol Division members competed in several Major Matches last month including the USPSA Handgun National Championship, the 2006 Kentucky Multi-Gun Championship and the National Bullseye Pistol Team Championship.

Michael Foley placed 3rd overall and 2nd Master in Tactical Division of the Kentucky Multi-Gun Championship. Steve Southerland was 4th overall and 1st A in Tactical Division. Barry West finished 5th overall and was High Senior in Tactical Division. Trey Algrim placed 3rd C in Tactical Division and Andy Ferguson placed 1st C in Heavy Metal.

The BGSL was represented on two teams at the National Pistol Team Championship. Jerry Chaney led Team UltraDOT to third place (99 teams firing) in the .22 Caliber Team Championship. They dropped to fifth in the Centerfire Championship and back to fourth in the 45 Caliber match. This gave them second place in the overall aggregate. At the team dinner, retiring team captain Pete

Gillis was recognized for having led them to four National Championships in eight years.

Paul DeMichele captained OHINKY Gold, to a decisive win the Open Club/Expert bracket for the sixth consecutive year. Paul finished sixteenth of 202 in the highly competitive Civilian Expert class. Glen Wood finished 349th of 679 total competitors.

In Team competition, Team UltraDOT swept the South Carolina Air National Guard Gold Team in the Master Class. OHINKY Gold did the same to the SC ANG Blue team.

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.

Alex Alexander died on his 65th birthday, Sunday, September 17, 2006. Formerly a long time member of the Pistol Division, Alex was active in bullseye and air pistol shooting. He served as a Navy doctor with the Marine Corps in Vietnam, received a Bronze Star and other commendations.

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

Match Information:

Bullseye: A Bullseye match will be held October 8. Sign ups begin at 8 – the match begins at 9 a.m. at the Bullseye range. Contact Glen Wood (859) 492-4668 or glenwood@clarkmhc.com for more information.

Cowboy: The annual Hawaiian Cowboy Match at Fox Bend was held Sunday, August 28th with shooters staying cool in their Hawaiian shirts. There were a few hold outs for real western wear. The September annual Wilderness Trail Match was held with a great turnout. The last Cowboy match of the year will be held on Sunday, October 22.

A *Women on Target* Cowgirl Match will be held Saturday, October 21. This will be an excellent opportunity for any want-a-be cowgirls to experience the sights, smell and sounds of hot lead going down range. All guns and ammo will be provided. Even if you have never fired a gun, join in the fun anyway. Bring friends or relatives. Free bandanas for all attending. Contact Tioga Kid (Byron Daniel) 859-333-9838 or byrondaniel@alltel.net.

byrondaniel@alltel.net or 859-333-9838.

IDPA: The September match saw 44 shooters. The next match will be October 14. Sign-ups begin at 9:30. The match starts at 10. Contact: Lin Edwards, (859) 273-2768 or rledwards@att.net

Glock: The Bluegrass Regional Classic IX will take place at BGSL October 28 and 29. For additional information contact Lin Edwards.

USPSA/IPSC: The September IPSC match was attended by 33 competitors. The next match will be October 1 at 10:30 a.m. New shooters must arrive by 9:30. Contact: Barry West, (859) 885-9710 or e-mail: vikingtactical@alltel.net.

Carole Bryant

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