Sportsman Trails

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Annual Fish Fry Saturday June 30th



Come on Down to the Club and meet your fellow Sportsmen

It's that time again! The annual Fish Fry will be held June 30th 5PM thru 8PM at the Main Clubhouse. This event has always been about a good time and meeting new friends. Traditionally, this is a recruiting event; we are supposed to bring friends, and neighbors, co-workers and any non-member you think would have an interest in a club membership. Tickets are \$6.00 and can be obtained from any Director or operations personnel. You can also receive them through the mail by sending \$6 each and a SASE to: Russell Steel, 2432 Heather Way, Lexington, KY 40503.

The Road Kill Café is looking for a few good sportsmen/women to help the Kitchen Division serve and prepare the ANNUAL FISH FRY. If you are interested in joining our band of dead eyed road kill cooks, please contact our director Russell Steel or Dennis West.

Our new Board of Directors are highly charged with lots of new ideas on how best to continue improving the club. So it will be up to each of us to make sure that they have our input and support, as a lot of hard decisions will continue to be made, to keep our club in good repair and the finest sports club in America. - Dennis West

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OWL Outdoor Women's League

Women On Target was a

SUCCESS!!!!

Outdoor Women's League just recently had a Woman on Target event held at the BGSL club. About 25 women showed up ready to shoot and hoping for a great time. We split into five groups, each visiting a different venue. We broke for lunch and then headed back out to the

range for more shooting and learning. Venues available included airgun, rifle/blackpowder, pistol, archery and skeet. We had a wonderful time and want to sincerely thank all of the men and women who helped make this exciting event possible.

If you are interested in opportunities for women please contact Amy Yeager at 936-6937. Remember, we always have a great time!

From the Secretary's Pen

Duds



No, a dud is not your ex-brother-in-law!

A dud is a shell that did not go off after you pulled the trigger and you have pointed down range and waited 20 seconds.

Extract the shell and drop it in the one-gallon jug full of water that is provided on the range. — Terry Hager

Secretary, BGSL

June Calendar

<u>1st</u>

Family Fun Days

2nd

ATA Shoot; Family Fun Days; New member orientation

3rd

ATA Shoot; Family Fun Days; Pistol USPSA/ IPSC; Muzzle Loader Silver Shoot

5th

General Member Meeting

9th

State Pistol KY Championships; Rifle Hi Power Match

10th

KY State Pistol Championships

16th

New Member Orientation; Pistol IDPA 10 a.m.

17th

Airgun Open Shoot; ATA Shoot

24th

Rifle 200 yd. Benchrest Match; Pistol Cowboy Action Shooting/SASS 9:30 a.m.; Muzzle Loaders open shoot 1:30 p.m.

26th

BGSL Board Meeting

30th

FISH FRY; LKS Squirrel Riffle Shoot



President's Corner

My fellow Sportsmen,

As my time as your President fades, I want to thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving for the past 3 years. It has been a very real pleasure and I've learned so much about people, community, organizations and life. The experience has been priceless. My luck in life has never been that great, I have no idea how I was fortunate enough to stumble into the finest Sportsmen's Club in the shooting sports world.

In my life, I've always wanted to be associated with the shooting sports in what ever capacity I could muster. Not just participate but be a part of it, to breathe it and be consumed by it.

My passion for the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League, **I hope has been evident**, my contribution, **I hope will be lasting**, my vision of a bright future, **I hope will be everlasting**.

That bright future starts everyday. It does not start over each day but extends and offers options each day. We must as a league, realize that we each are owners of this club and take ownership. We each own (1) share. Just because I've been here 14 years or I am the current President, does not give me any more rights. I still only own (1) share and get (1) vote. But because I attend meetings / get involved with issues, I gain knowledge and understanding of the issues.

One of the things I've learned in this time is that a lot of our owners [members] don't know how this club really works. That they own it and have say so and input in all aspects. And too many of us don't realize that without their input they get what is decided without them.

The recent "OP-ED" article in this past newsletter has sparked the interest of a few of our owners [members]. While I agree with a lot of the issues in the article, I do not agree with a couple of the statements or the proposed solution. I think that proposal is too simplistic and that the only revenues we can receive are dues. It seems that a lot of members perceive that this article says we are going to fail financially very soon and that is not true.

Yes, we've run and [budgeted] a deficit for a lot of years, but we've not barrowed any monies or sold any assets. What we've done, is not covered our depreciation, we have spent cash reserves instead. Those cash reserves that were realized from the sale of the Richmond Road property and gave us a false sense of security. It is still carried on our books as an investment account [Dupree Account] but in reality it has always been an unfunded depreciation account. We also spent a lot of these reserves on new capital projects and expenses, {paved roads, casting ponds, shooting facilities, etc.} This has been going on for the entire time we've been on Handy's Bend.

Could have, Would have, and Should have!

The waters under the bridge and over the dam are several things as it pertains to the financial issue before us. We moved from Richmond Road to this huge facility with a big attrition and did not raise the dues and then fought dues increases for several years with a vengeance ["we" had a ½ million in the bank, why raise the dues?]. When dues were raised, the increases were drastic and caused a larger than usual attrition rate. In between increases we spent reserve funds. These issues are the root of the problems we face today.

Remember, only a vote of the membership can raise the member dues. The BGSL Board can not raise dues!

What I do agree with, is several points that the article addresses; the flawed business model, the fact that our dues don't cover our O&M Budget which includes depreciation, our cash reserves are low and we are a "social club" that needs to recruit more members.

What are the solutions?

We have options as the article mentioned; however it did not mention them all. It did not mention that we could save \$140,000 a year by doing all the labor on the club ourselves. It did not mention that we could expand member services that bring revenue to the league [pasturing / boarding horses, put and take hunting, shooting supply store, club FFL, hunt booking service, expanded cattle operation] etc. So long as our income is from our members, it is not taxable and the more member income we take in, the more non-member / earned income we can raise. Yes, non-member income is taxable but if we pay taxes on income that means we made money!

These options do include raising the membership dues. If there is anyone who thinks that the dues will not go up in the future is not being realistic. And cutting expenses is also an option as well as member services and labor. The key is doing it smart. We have to be conservative but we have to be creative and proactive. I will always oppose a dues increase proposal without proof of amount with the need. Any proposal of a dues increase takes at least 3 readings before the main club at General Member meetings and then a vote of approval from you!

Sincerely and at your service, Greg Delabar president@bgslinc.com

Instructors Needed

he Training Committee would like to expand the training that is available at the league. We are looking to compile a list of members that have instructor certifications in various fields. We are also looking for folks to put on some workshops among the different divisions to introduce others to all of the great things available at BGSL. If you have an instructor certification in any field that you feel would be beneficial to club members or an idea for a workshop, please send an email to Brandon Ironmonger at bertha1974@adelphia.net or call 859-619-0058. Certified Instructors are needed in CPR, Basic First Aid, NRA Basic instruction courses etc.

Russell Steel and Jim Galvin's Road kill café

June Menu



Hot Dogs Homemade Chili Potato Chips, Cole Slaw Pickles, Cheese, Onions Beer Cheese & Crackers Cookies

All for the price of your membership!

So come on down to the clubhouse on the first Tuesday of the month, let's hear what you have to say! Remember there is no CLUB without

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See U at the club!
DENNIS WEST

First LKS Squirrel Rifle Shoot of 2007

July 8th Saturday 9:30 AM... @ the GP Range then the Stone Lodge



Basic marksmanship, that's what this is all about. We teach the fundamentals of rifle marksmanship, standing off-hand, and open iron sights. This is the best venue for an introduction to the shooting sports there is. This is a competition also, but more of a training and teaching environment. This has brought success to our kids and club through this League of KY Sportsmen event as we have produced several State and District Champions over the past several years. We can supply any or all equipment.

This competition is 4 months long and involves kids from all over the State. It is broken down into age groups, girls against girls, boys against boys. The age groups are: 9 and under, 10 to 12, 13 to 16 and 17 to 20. We give awards for each group at 3 different levels: BGSL, 6th District LKS and State LKS. Also any ammo needed and we have some rifles to use. It is .22 caliber only (long rifle, long or short) no magnums.

From the BGSL Chaplain

It seems a preacher and two of his friends went deer hunting together. They got to their tree stands early and waited for the sun to rise. Just at daybreak a huge buck stepped out of cover, looked around, and then turned a perfect profile to the hunters. All three fired at almost the same time; it sounded like a loud BA-BA-BANG! The deer dropped like a rock, dead as a doornail. All three yelled out, "I got him!"

They all began to make their way down from their stands and toward where the deer lay. The preacher got there first and looked the deer over but could not find a mark on him, so he sat down nearby to wait on the others. Soon one of his friends arrived. He, too, looked for a bullet wound on the deer but found nothing. The two were discussing what could have happened when the other hunter

showed up. They told him what they had discovered and he went to examine the buck.

He quickly came back to announce, "It's the preacher's deer." "How could you tell," asked the second man.

"Easy," he said, "the bullet went in one ear and straight out the other."

My friend Jerry Summers sent me this joke; Jerry is also a minister and he knows the value of a really good laugh. He is right: laughing makes me feel good. Laughter can lighten my mood and improve my whole day.

Richard Ghelbach e-mailed me a cartoon last week that just cracked me up. I have also gotten funny stuff from Terry Hager, Pete Gillis, and others in the club. Harrison McMillen has told me some

great jokes. So has my friend Rick Rubeling. And my daughters regularly send me jokes and funny pictures of our family.

I offer many thanks to everyone who has given me the gift of laughter; it is a wonderful gift. Our lives are filled with stress and punctuated with worry and trouble. We all need to laugh whenever we can. It makes life a little easier. Have you shared a good joke, a cute story, a funny photo, or a cartoon with someone lately? I hope so.

To give humor is an act of caring.

Maybe we will have something funny to share with each other next time I see you at the club.

Blessings,



Morgan's Meanderings

My most recent meander did not, unfortunately, take place on our beautiful club grounds. It did, however, provide me with some insight for our club. Let me set the stage, if you will:

A Hidden Jewel

(House lights low: actor enters from stage left to center)

(The Chaplain speaks): "Terry. I understand you are scheduled for some surgery this week:"

(**Terry responds**): "Well, yes, Chaplain Tom. I am scheduled for a herniorrhaphy this coming Thursday at 6:30 AM. It is not the laparoscopic style."

(Chaplain Tom): "I understand it will be performed at the St. Joseph Hospital and I will plan to be there with you at that time".

(Morgan's comeback): "Hey! That is awfully early for any human being so don't bother yourself Tom. It is nice of you to offer but my wife will be with me".

(**Tom's Retort**): "Think nothing of it. I am an early riser by nature and am always up by 5 or so. See you Thursday."

(Scene shifts to a medical conference area: a surgeon and an anesthetist are coordinating their schedules for the coming week – house lights rise)

(**Surgeon**): "Hey Phil, are you assisting me with the slice and dice on Thursday?"

(Anesthetist): "Yeah, Clyde. Wha'cha got goin'?" Any new tricks up your sleeve?"

(Surgeon): "I've been honing up that World War II Japanese Samurai sword my dad brought home as a souvenir and that baby will split a hair. I think I will try it out on this patient named Morgan. He is big enough in the abdomen that he won't notice too much if I get the incision just a little long. I am going to try one of those swiping cuts where you don't know you've been cut until your arm falls off. Say Phil. Why don't you bring along that old 40 lb. medicine ball we have been trying to get rid of at the gym and we will 'accidentally' leave it in him? He will never notice. That will be good for a few giggles, won't it?"

(Scene shifts once again to a prep room at the hospital and I am dressed in a funny gown and have a funny tubing gizmo sticking out of the back of my hand):

(**Tom speaks**): "Well, Terry. You are looking not too much the worst for wear. Do you feel okay?"

(I start to ask Tom some questions and I think that at about that time I conked out because I do not remember him answering me or anything else until I woke up in another area of the hospital and they started wheeling me into a room).

Well, everything must have gone okay because the doctors looked pleased with their work and I had the 40 lb. medicine ball hidden away. The gash was only about four feet long and was beautifully taped together with only the skill a librarian could muster. I did not do any walking around the first day. Tom called me the next day to see how things were going and all the hospital people kept telling me I had better start learning to walk around because they would probably send me home today. They did not lie.

Now I know that those of you have already been through this experience might indeed be looking back on this with grins but I think not many of you will ever say that it was a picnic if you are honest about it. After the third day it starts getting tolerable quite rapidly. My advice? Try to wear a truss if you can for as long as you can.

The real point of this whole shebang is to try to emphasize the fact that we have a caring, practicing chaplain in our club who is trying his best to do his job as chaplain but needs to know what is going on, when and where so he can accomplish that. Not only is Tom Cottingim a chaplain for our League but he is a practicing full time pastor in a church. You would not believe the hours this guy puts in doing many different things as a volunteer for our club. He organizes and assists with our new Initiation Saturdays for new members. He attends every board meeting and club meeting and I am sure many other meetings.

Now, I don't want you to think that I am going overboard here but when you have a jewel you usually like to display it. Most of the 2300 members of our League will never have the pleasure of meeting Tom. Mostly because they never show up at the BGSL for any activities other than an occasional pistol break-in or sighting in a deer rifle. But I want each one of them to try to remember that we have a practicing chaplain who is ready to respond at almost any notice to attend to the needs of our group. I don't think it really matters what your religion or denomination happens to be. A good chaplain is pretty neutral along those lines. The thing is that a good chaplain is ready to try to give support to any and all and that is what Tom does.

I surely hope that everyone in this club realizes that every job in this club is a voluntary position and how important the "voluntary" aspect of our club is. We have a lot of good people who devote a lot of their personal worthwhile time to the betterment of this club without any compensation other than the warmth of a job well done. Or maybe not. — Terry Morgan

Pistol

IDPA: IDPA certified new SO's in a training class May 5. Thanks to everyone who participated. The next match will be held June 16. **IPSC/USPSA**: BGSL USPSA competitors have been on the move competing in matches in Georgia and Michigan. USPSA posted its Top 20 lists for May. John Moore is the number one D class Junior shooter in the US. Congrats, John! The next Blue Grass match takes place June 3.

Bullseye: The Kentucky State Bullseye Pistol Championship will be held at BGSL June 9 & 10.

Cowboy: The next Cowboy match is June 24. Posses form at 9:30.

\bigoplus Youth News \bigoplus

By Alison Yeager

The youth are still active and excited about activities and



Turkey hunting in spring????

events. We had our first full season turkey hunt this year. Many youngsters heard and/ or saw their first turkeys and one young man, Hunter Richardson harvested a turkey during the second weekend of the season. (Pictured left: John Yeager) We also had our airgun event and spent hours shooting some very cool air rifles at targets of varying distance. In May, we had our reactive target shoot, where 8 young folks shot at balloons, animal crackers, paintballs and water jugs. Everyone had a great time shooting .22 rifles, handguns and we finished with a few blasts

from a 20 gauge shotgun at some water jugs... Those jugs were jumping all over the hillside.

Upcoming events in June include the Family Fun Days during the first weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) and then our first LKS

squirrel rifle shoot on the 30th. (More about squirrel shoot on page 6.) All events are free and we always eat well. Please come on down and share in a really good time.



Pointer-Setter Division

Meeting notes April 30, 2007

- Kennel Dues were discussed- those that owe please call Bob Peacher
- Treasurer report -- \$500 was donated to Quail Forever
- Secretary report- nothing to add
- A word from the director is that Claude Jacobs was able to get a NO PIGEON rule passed. As I understand it, if you are caught using pigeons for training you will be booted from the club. (Claude must have it out for me and Felipe.)
- The club is moving forward with guided hunts and will not need P/S to be in charge. Details to follow.

<u>Pointer Setter will be discussing dues increases at the next meeting. If you want to voice your opinion or have suggestionsplease plan on attending.</u>

If you have any questions or comments PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS. tweirky@alltel.net If you wish, I will forward those comments to those that I have email addresses on.

Your secretary Tom Weir 859-619-9501 (cell) 859-272-3215

(Editor's note: The Pointer-Setter meeting is always the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the P/S clubhouse. Don't bring your pigeons.)

Trap Division — Weekly open shoots on Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

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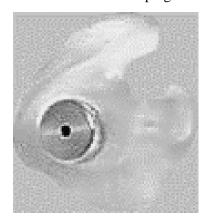
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Hiking trails cleared— Member shoots self in foot — Carry and Conceal Class approved — Skeet & Sporting Clays

lessons approved —Put-and-Take Hunting Operation approved — dog training Pigeons need not apply

The BGSL Board of Directors met on Tuesday, April 24, 2007. The following is a summary of the minutes. A full copy of the minutes can be obtained in the club office.

Members present were: Delabar, Hager, Burke, Blackburn, Jacobs, Kass, Mulchay, Burgess, Tester, Fister, McFadden, West, Ruland, Moore, Phinney, Sanders, Gehlbach, Caudill, Biblett, Lyons, Beers, Pinkston. Members absent were: Morgan, Maness, Cox, Piotrowski, Bowman, Steel, Barnes, Ore. Staff present: Riffell, O'Neill. Chaplin: Cottingim.

John Burke presented the Treasurers Report. Ben Riffle reported that anyone serving or handling food needs a food handler's permit and they can contact him to find out how to get one. Greg Delabar gave the President's Report. Greg said his long term plan an policies and procedures would be in place within the next 6 months. Greg said he needs a copy of any waiver used by the Divisions to forward to the League's attorney.

The following committees reported: Clubhouse and Lodge; Constitution and Bylaws: Steve Cox has been asked to look at Article IX; Farm: All bales are to be off the property by October 31, 2007; Wildlife and Natural Resources; Security: A member shot himself in the foot and the ambulance driver was concerned about trying to locate the victim. The Training Committee was asked establish a policy and procedure for future incidents and to look into CPR certification for employees. Ben Riffell was asked to establish a phone tree for emergency situations; Youth.

Executive Committee: Payroll tracking/accountability system has been implemented. Following a request by Greg Delabar for the remaining funds for the billboard campaign much discussion ensued about the effectiveness of the campaign. Rolly Beer volunteered to review the matter and report back to the Board. Sportsman Trails is going electronic and will only be mailed at the request of individual members.

Training Committee: Brandon Ironmonger is conducting Carry and Conceal classes. Technology: Website updating seminar was poorly attended. Lightning struck the wireless network equipment. A replacement is being sought. Trails: Thanks to John Ruland and Harold Moore, all but 300 yards of the trails have been cleared. Signage: Committee members were asked to get the signage completed. All the sign stuff is here.

New Business: KC3 has requested use of the clubhouse on July 21, 2007. The membership committee is looking into waiving the initiation fee for members who live outside a 30 to 40 mile radius of the club. They are also looking into different levels of membership.

Fifteen motions were passed during the meeting: 1) dispense with the reading of the minutes 2) accept the Treasurer's Report 3)

approve the youth squirrel hunt according to the June season regulations of KY Department of Fish and Wildlife for 2007 4) approve a Put-and-Take Operation for members and their guests and to reserve the birds 5) to go into closed session 6) to come out of closed session; 7) and 8) propose that \$5 of everyone's yearly dues be set aside for range repair etc., \$.01 charge for every shot fired on trap, skeet, sporting clays, pointer-setter, pistol, rifle, air gun, muzzle loader (during scheduled events) ranges, and these monies be paid on a monthly basis and put in the range repair fund. This fund may only be used for ranges and if any other use of these funds is contemplated, it will require a super majority vote of the Board of Directors 9) authorize Muzzle Loaders Divisions to bid on hosting the Interstate Flint Lock Frolic 10) approve a Carry and Conceal Class to be taught by Mike Pinkston and Brandon Ironmonger, June 23, 2007, from 8 a.m. to approximately 6 p.m. fees are \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members plus \$10 guest fee 11) grant Casting Division may 17, 18 and 19 for practice at the casting ponds and May 20, 2007 for the tournament 12) modify the payroll policy for employees of Skeet and Sporting Clays from time clock punching to signed time sheets to be approved by the president or other duly elected officer of S&SC Division 13) ban the use of pigeons on BGSL property for training or other uses 14) to allow Skeet and Sporting Clays to host Sporting Clays Shooting lessons by Bill McGuire, Wendell Cherry, and or Gil and Vicki Ash. Provision: 1. Instructor fee to the instructors, 2. Target fees to be \$35 per 100, \$24 to Skeet and Sporting Clays, \$10 to Main Club General Fund, \$1 to range assessment fund and 3, any nonmember taking class will pay \$10 guest fee per day 15) approve **Bass Division Tournament** on Lake Barkley, May 5th and 6th, 2007and tournament dates as follows: June 2, 15, 29, July 13, August 3, 25, 26, September 15, 16, and October 6 and 7, 2007.

Skeet and Sporting Clays



portsman Trails caught up with Boone Logan on BGSL's available at the Skeet spectacular sporting clays course operated by the Skeet and and Sporting Clays Sporting Clays Division. Boone is a 15 year member of clubhouse. BGSL and Chairman of this year's Sporting Clays Classic sponsorships and Outdoor Sports Auction to benefit Scouts in the Blue Grass from \$800 to \$2,400. Council of Boys Scouts of America.

ST: What exactly is sporting clays?

Boone: Well some folks call it "golf with a shotgun". Sporting clays is bird shooting without the feathers or the dogs. It has also been called the best thing to come from England since the Beatles.

ST: How is sporting clays different from skeet?

Boone: Just like skeet, sporting clays involves shooting clay discs or ST: Who are some of the team and event sponsors? "pigeons" as they are sometimes called, at various locations, launched at different velocities and angles. The original idea behind sporting clays was to create an experience that more closely reflects actual hunting conditions.

ST: How did you get started in skeet and sporting clays?

Boone: About six or seven years ago the division sponsored a "new shooters" day. I attended that and I've been hooked ever since.

ST: What do you like most about sporting clays?

Boone: Sporting clays is great because you get to make noise and break things.

ST: Tell us more about the Sporting Clays Classic and Outdoor Sports Auction.



Boone: It's a two day fund raising event to benefit Boy Scouts and Scouting activities in the Blue Grass Council of the Boy Scouts of America. It includes a reception and silent auction on Saturday.

The public is welcome to attend the reception, live and silent auction on Friday August 3rd at Don Jacobs BMW showroom, 2689 Nicholasville Road in Lexington. Auction items will include vacations, autographed sports memorabilia, golf outings, framed prints, shotguns and carrying cases and lots more.

Admission to the auction is free.

On Saturday, August 4th, four member teams will compete on the BGSL 12 station sporting clays course. Shots may be overhead, going-away, crossing or anything in between. Teams may enter by contacting the Council office at 859-231-7811. Applications are also

(Pictured 2006 Kerr Bros. Funeral Home Team, L to R: Billy Shell, Doug Kovacs, Danny Mulchay and Mark Hall, Winner of the Bert Horine Award)



Boone: Well of course Blue Grass Sportsman's League and Don Jacobs are big sponsors. Some of the team sponsors are Hilliard-Lyons, Nixon Power, Logan Building Services, Inc., Atlantic Appraisal, Bert Horine and Associates, and Kerr Brothers Funeral Home.

ST: How long has this event been going on?

Boone: This year will be the third annual event. In 2005 we had 36 shooters competing on 9 teams and we raised \$14,000 for the Boy Scouts. Last year there were 96 shooters on 26 teams and we raised a whopping \$51,000.

ST: How did the event get its start?

Boone: Burt Horine, an avid shot-gunner and long-time BGSL member was the first chairman of this event and got the ball rolling. Sadly, Burt was tragically killed last Spring on Highway 68 on his way to shoot sporting clays. Each year, in honor of Burt's memory, the Burt Horine Award is given to the shooter with the highest overall score. Last year that award went to Mark Hall. In 2005 the HOA was Jeff Cassidy.

Friday and Shooting competition on ST: Sounds like a lot of fun and a very worthwhile event. Best of luck with this year's event and thanks for spending some time with Sportsman Trails to tell us about it.

> For more information about forming a team, or about The Bluegrass Council of Boy Scouts of America, contact the Scouting office at 859-231-7811. Or, just give ol' Boone a call at 859-734-5290 or email him at boonelogan@bellsouth.net.

Sheet & Sporting Clays Division holds open shoots every Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Fridays from 2 p.m. to dusk or earlier, (no late shoot under the lights on Fridays), and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The last sporting clays squad leaves at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



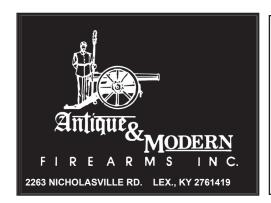
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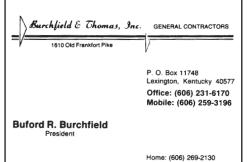


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