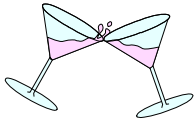


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Happy New Year! President's Corner



Happy New Year! As we begin the New Year, we have much to be thankful for at our club. We certainly have some of the greatest people, witnessed by our contributions at the November and December general club meetings. We were able to help Chaplain Tom Cottingim's family as well as his congregation. Tom's son-in-law (age 45) died unexpectedly leaving his wife without a husband and 3 children without a father. Our donations helped provide Baskets for the needy in Tom's congregation and Christmas for his daughter's family. What an honor to be able to return our love to this special man, his family, and his congregation. Thank you for caring.

Our plans to re-tile the main clubhouse floor have

been delayed. Monsoon season is upon us and has pointed out some water problems with the roof, vent seals, walls, and caulking. The clubhouse and lodge committee has elected to approach our outside problems first and then proceed with our inside renovations.

This will be the last "Hard Copy" of The Sportsmen's Trail that you will receive unless you have notified the office with your address and a check for \$5.00. This change was necessitated by our budget and is expected to save about \$12,000 per year in printing costs and postage. The Sportsmen's Trail will continue to be posted monthly on-line at bgslinc.com.
Bill

Good Grief!

By Rev. Tom Cottingim



"Good Grief, Charlie Brown!" Remember *Peanuts*? Linus, Pigpen, Snoopy, Charlie Brown, his crabby sister, Lucy, and all the rest of the gang. *Peanuts* was Charles Schulz' wonderful comic strip and cartoon series that ran for so many years and was one of my favorites. Charlie Brown was a loveable, if somewhat unsuccessful, character who admired the little red haired girl from afar. The line I always remember from *Peanuts* is whenever Lucy got exasperated with him she would say, *"Good Grief, Charlie Brown!"*

I have heard people using that saying, "Good grief!," for as long as I can remember; and I

have said it many times myself. It is usually used just as Lucy used it, to express annoyance or frustration. The expression really doesn't make much sense, does it? Grief, after all, is mental anguish. Grief is something that we experience after the loss of something, or someone we love. But, *good* grief? I wonder how we came to use such a strange exclamation.

As I write this it has been just less than a week since my son-in-law died. He was only forty-five years old; he died unexpectedly in his sleep. My daughter is not yet forty years old and is widowed with three children. Now that is cause for grief. Serious, painful, grief. For my daughter, her children, myself, the rest of the family, and many others.

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2008 Spring Turkey Hunt

Have you noticed any good toms in the fields when you visit the club? Would you like the opportunity to bag one of these mature gobblers? Well, here's your chance. This year, the BGS� will offer a 2008 spring turkey lottery hunt.

For more information on how to qualify for the Turkey Hunt go to BGSLINC.COM. Click on Turkey Hunt.

January Calendar

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JANUARY 2008

5th

9 am New Member Orientation

6th

9:30 am USPSA/IPSC;
1:30 pm Muzzle Loader Silver Shoot

19th

9 am New Member Orientation
9:30 am IDPA

26th

9 am Concealed Carry Class

27th

1:30 pm Muzzle Loaders Open Shoot

Blue Grass Sportsmen's League

Board Meeting Minutes - November 27, 2007

President Blackburn Called the Board of Directors Meeting to order at 7:04pm. With the following officers & Directors present: Blackburn, Mulcahy, Ruland, Beers, Foster, Gelbach, Kass, Morgan, Maness, Pietrowski, Bowman, Jacobs, Fister, Johnson, West, Moore, Hillard, Ironmonger, Tryon, Martin, White, Niblett Samsen as proxy for Lyons, Shell Sanders, Delabar, and Chaplain Cottingim. Motion by Maness 2nd by Foster to accept the Minutes as presented Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Ruland presented the Treasurers report. Motion by Fister 2nd by Beers to accept the financial report. Motion Passed unanimously. Director Kass Questioned the Lead remediation fund portion of the financial report.

Motion by Kass 2nd by Jacobs to Direct the Treasurer to Deposit the \$5.00 per annual membership Fee into the Lead Remediation Fund of the Dupree Account on a Monthly Basis. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg Delabar question the Membership billing policy after a brief discussion Pres. Blackburn directed the membership Comm. To look at the billing policy and present at the next Meeting. Pat Barbera reported on the present status and the future of the Newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Clubhouse & Lodge: Director Beers gave a report on The Main Clubhouse Floor and general repair plans. **Motion by Director Beers 2nd by Fister to approve expenditure of \$5900.00** for a new floor in the entire clubhouse, caulk the exterior of the clubhouse as necessary and make small repairs to bathrooms and to rental trailer work will begin Dec. 12, 2007. Motion Passed unanimously. Mike Kass reported that the Front Gate Code will be changed this week and will be changed on at least a monthly basis in the future. **Finance committee** reported on Insurance allocation for fixed assets to the divisions. **Youth Committee-** Greg Delabar announced that the youth committee will be having their wild game dinner Saturday December 8, 2007 at 4:00 pm and invited the entire Board of Directors to attend. **Membership Committee- Motion by Harold Moore 2nd by Greg Delabar to reduce the Initiation Fee to \$65.00 to take effect immediately. Motion Failed 17-7**

New Business:

Treasurer Ruland informed The Divisions that New Signature Cards for the Division Accounts were available for any division to increase the number of Signatories for their respective accounts. **Motion by Fister 2nd by Maness to release Budgeted Funds of \$7000.00** for Rebuilding or replacement of the John Deere Tractor. Motion Passed unanimously. **Motion By Fister 2nd by foster to not hold a BOD meeting in Dec. Motion Passed unanimously. Motion by Fister 2nd by Foster to not hold a General Membership meeting in January Motion Passed unanimously. Motion by Sanders, 2nd by Foster to approve the following Dates for ATA sanctioned Shoots in 2008 to be held by the trap division. Mar. 23 & 30, April 6&13, May 3,4, 18 & 31, June 1&15, July 13& 27, August 30&31, September 1,21,&28, October 5&12, Motion Passed unanimously. Motions by Mulcahy, 2nd by foster to not allow small game hunters to harvest upland game birds on BGSL property for the 2007-2005 hunting season. Motion Passed unanimously. Motion by Delabar 2nd by Maness to extend Small game hunting season through the legal hunting State hunting dates. Motion passed. Unanimously. Motion by Delabar 2nd by Fister to Approve a Spring Turkey Hunt with Harvest Quota & regulations to be set by the Wildlife Committee, and to be run as a "lottery style " Hunt. The Funds acquired through the lottery system to be used towards a wildlife/habitat project on the BGSL Grounds.**

Motion by Delabar 2nd by Maness to go into closed session at 9:15 pm passed Motion by Maness 2nd by Fister to come out of closed session at 9:29pm passed Motion by Niblett 2nd by Samsen to approve the following Dates for Bench rest matches on the following Sundays in 2008 February 24, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 22, July 13 August 10 September 14, October 12 Motion Passed unanimously. **Motion by Bowman 2nd by Fister to approve High power Rifle NRA Sanctioned Dates** contingent upon the Division following BGSL Fiscal policy. Failure to comply will result in cancellation of subsequent dates of the NRA High power discipline matches. Motion Passed 23-1. **Motion by Morgan 2nd by Foster to approve the dates of October 31 & November 1 as an open event at the Skeet and Sporting Clays division for the purpose of holding the annual Boy Scouts of America event.** Motion Passed unanimously. Motion by Ironmonger 2nd Tom Tryon to allow the GSSF Regional open event to be held at BGSL on Saturday October 25th and Sunday October 26th, 2008. Use of the main clubhouse is requested for Friday October 24th at 1200pm to October 26th 2008. Use of the Kitchen is requested for Saturday and Sunday. Standard Lead Remediation Fees will be paid to the Main Club. Will need use of Pits 1&2 (all Bays) and the Bulls Eye Range from Noon Friday through Sunday night Pit 3 will be available for General use. Request Fee exemption for Clubhouse, Kitchen and Range use. Motion Passed unanimously. **Motion by: Brandon Ironmonger Second by: Tom Tryon: I move that the Board of Officers and Directors of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League Change pit rules 11 and 12 to read as follows:** BGSL members 18 years of age or older with a valid pit pass may shoot in the in the Practical Shooting Pits. BGSL Members, 21 years of age and over, with a valid pit pass may bring up to 2 guests of any age into the pits to shoot. All BGSL guest pass rules and fees apply. The Pit Pass holder must remain in direct proximity of the guest and be able to take control of the shooter and/or firearm if warranted. Only one guest may be shooting or handling a firearm at a time. The pit pass holder acknowledges responsibility for their guest(s) by signing the Pit Pass sign off form. Additionally, junior BGSL members 12 to 17 years of age may be issued a Junior Pit Pass under the same requirements as an adult Pit Pass. This Junior Pit Pass will entitle the Junior Pit Pass holder (youth) to shoot in the practical shooting pits, when accompanied by an adult BGSL member (21 years of age or older), who is in possession of a valid Pit Pass. The adult member will supervise the youth and will remain in the same bay with the youth at all times. The Junior Pit Pass holder will have no further restrictions than an adult Pit Pass holder.

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Blue Grass Sportsmen's League

BoD Minutes

Motion by: Brandon Ironmonger Second by: Tom Tryon: I move that the Board of Officers and Directors of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League Allow the main clubhouse to be used for IDPA match registration from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on the days of inclement or cold weather. IDPA matches are typically held on the Saturday prior to the third Sunday of each month. Friendly amendment added to Leave off event calendar and coordinate with the Operations manager to find an alternate site in case of conflict with an event with main club (Attested by RLM Sec.) **Motion by: Brandon Ironmonger Second by: Richard Gehlbach I move that the Board of Officers and Directors of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League Approve** a 2 day open event April 19 & 20 2008 and October 4 and 5 2008 to host an Appleseed rifle marksmanship training class. The Training committee will report progress to the board monthly until the event is complete. The committee will finalize and report the above details before the March Board of Directors meeting for the April event and September meeting for the October event. Requesting use of the Bulls eye range and Pit 3 for the event. Per established policy and custom, the event will generate funds to cover range rental for 2 days (\$200); Requesting lead fee exemption as this is a non-profit teaching class, and BGSL Members will be afforded a 10 % discount as per our training policy. Exact fees will be set at a later date and reported to the board but should be under \$100.00 per student for the

two day event. The sponsor is authorized to market this event to the shooting public as necessary. Any expenses will be paid by fees generated by the event. Participants who wish to camp may do so under established BGSL rules. The committee will ensure that these rules are communicated to non-members. **Motion by: Brandon Ironmonger Second by: Richard Gehlbach I move that the Board of Officers and Directors of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League Allow TDSA Advanced Pistol I, Advanced Pistol II and Urban Rifle Classes to be held on May 9-13th 2008.** Lead instructor will be Len Baxley and assistant instructors Lin Edwards, Paul King and Brenn Combs. Fees for pistol courses will be \$500 for the two day classes with BGSL members getting a \$50 discount and \$300 for the Urban Rifle course with a \$30 discount for BGSL members. The classes will be open to non-members. Up to 10 alumni may audit the AP1 and/or AP2 classes at \$200 each (\$20 discount for BGSL members). Lead remediation fee of .01 cent per round and facility fee of 10% of the gross will paid to the main club per BGSL Training Policy. Requesting use of clubhouse and Pit 1 bays 2, 3, 4 and 5 for all 5 days. **Motion by Johnson 2nd by Fister that the 2008 KY Open Casting Tournament be held on May 17th & 18th** and that the Gate be opened. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 10:12 pm

Submitted by R. L. Mulcahy, Secretary

Good Grief

While this personal tragedy is not a time to use the expression we are talking about, it is a time to examine the process we call grief. Much has been written about this subject in the last four decades, starting with a work by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross in 1969 about the stages of grief. Other mental health professionals have warned about failing to face grief, which can lead to serious psychological problems. They also warn about getting bogged down in grief and never learning to function in the world again.

So, there is a need for good grief after all, by that I mean grief done correctly; for only that will help us ease our anguish. Here are some things you might want to know about doing good grief. First of all, it is not time that heals, it is facing grief; time will pass whether you are working on grief or not. Working on your grief means facing the pain and crying the tears. Tears are God's gift; they help cleanse us of our suffering. Cry them freely, without apology. Face the things, places, times, or situations that remind you of the loved one and talk about that person and about their death. Even good grief will not take away all of the pain; if you love someone and lose them, you will always miss them. What you can expect with good grief is come to a place where you can think of your loved one and remember the good parts of their lives, not just their death. Good grief is hard, painful and sometimes lonely; stay close to family, friends and your church. Our burdens are lighter when they are shared with others. I will do my best to help my daughter and granddaughters to work at good grieving and making the adjustments that are necessary in their lives.

If you want to know more about the process of grief, or helping someone through it, I will be happy to be of help. See you at the club.

Blessings,
Tom

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