

BGSL Sportsman Trails



Special points of interest:

- Time to enjoy the weather
- Make sure your email address is current. A lot of reminders are sent out via BGSL BLAST
- Check out the new website for Skeet and Sporting Clays. It looks great.

President's Corner Bill Blackburn

Once upon a time, a man and woman got married on February 17. He loved to shoot trap and she loved him. They went to a major shoot in another state and he saw a gun which he wanted, but felt it was too expensive. When he returned to the motel, she asked him if he had seen anything he liked. He told her about the expensive gun. She said "let's go look at it." When they went to see the gun and talked to the manufacturer, he said he had made 216 of the guns. She then said "so the next gun would be 217" and he said yes. She turned to her husband and said "it is an omen; you need to buy the gun." Since it was a custom gun, the stock had to be fitted and the gun produced. This

process took about 6 months and during this time she was diagnosed with cancer and passed away. He finally received the gun and it was special to him because of how she had made the decision to purchase it. Unfortunately, he couldn't shoot it worth a darn. One day he came to shoot at BGSL. A friend asked him to come look at the new steel pattern board which had just been erected at the trap division. He said he had never patterned a shotgun in his life, but proceeded to look at the pattern board. Later that day, he did in fact pattern his gun. Much to his surprise, the gun shot a full pattern low. He made some adjustments and the gun

shot where he thought it should. He then shot a 98/100.

This is a true story and is told for several reasons.

1. It is a really cool story
2. BGSL has a new pattern board at the trap division [constructed and donated by Tim Foley]

3. Maybe you should pattern your gun to see where it shoots.

Come check out the improvements on all our ranges



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Important News

Division articles are needed for Sportsman Trails.

Please let us know scores, events and other happenings in your division. Or just send pictures

Spread the word and help your division grow

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Membership Drive Contest

By Jim Gaddis

At the February general membership meeting a new contest was announced. We have been promoting this contest on the website, via the BGSL Blast and at the general membership meetings. So what is the contest? The BGSL member in good standing who recruits the most new members by July 31st will have his or her choice from 1 of 5 items each valued at approximately \$1,000.

- Kimber Tactical Custom II .45ACP
- Benelli M2 12Ga.
- DPMS AR15
- Matthews Reezen Bow + \$300 to outfit it
- Remington 700 MilSpec R5 in .308

In order to participate in the contest YOU MUST BE LISTED AS THE SPONSOR MEMBER ON THE NEW MEMBER'S APPLICATION. This is the only way we can track the contest accurately and fairly.

Did you already tell all of your family and friends about the lowered initiation fee back in January? If so, as a "thank you" the contest dates will be retro-active to

January 1st, 2009.

Members recruited during this contest will still apply toward regular recruiting incentives. These incentives are as follows:

- Recruit 3 new members in a calendar year and receive \$50 off your next year's dues.
- Recruit 5 new members in a calendar year and receive your next year's membership for free.
- Recruit 50 new members in an 8 year period and receive a free life membership.

With the reduced initiation fee (only \$25) this is one of the best times to join the club and the current incentives make this one of the best times to recruit members.

President's Challenge

Every BGSL member who participates in the contest by bringing in at least 1 new member will be entered in a drawing for a Ruger LCP. This gun is very small, very nice shooting, very popular and very difficult to find.



Current Statistics (As of April 23, 2009)

By the end of March the Statistics were as follows.

Most recruits for one member: **4**

Number of members currently entered in the drawing for the Ruger LCP: **46**

**Total number of new members who have listed sponsor members since Jan 09: 58*

Contest Rules

The winner will receive the firearm through an FFL and must legally be able to own the gun.

**Members of the Board of Directors of BGSL are not eligible to participate in the contest.*

***New members recruited at events specifically designed for recruiting will not be included in a members tally. (example is the Sport, Boat & RV Show)*

Please note, the grand prize winner will not be entered in the drawing for the drawing of the Ruger LCP.



**The Club
Wins
And
You Win**



From The BGS� Chaplin

By Rev. Tom Cottingim



As a person of faith, I pray for people. Not just for the people at *Lansdowne Church*, or those at BGS�, or my friends and family, but for people who simply need prayer. That means I often pray for people I don't even know. In fact, a few years ago I wrote a prayer for two groups of people I usually don't know. Let me tell you about it. Here in Lexington, where I live and minister, I see and hear lots of emergency vehicles with their lights flashing and sirens wailing. They always get my attention and I am aware that something is not going well for someone; someone is in distress.

The sirens and lights can be announcing a firetruck, an ambulances, or a police vehicle. Some person, or persons are in distress; they are in danger, in trouble, or in need of care. But, they are not alone. The crew of the vehicle that is responding is also in distress. They face the hazards of high speed driving; the danger of fire and destruction, and the uncertainty of dealing with volatile situations. So, to ask for care for all those involved, I wrote the following prayer:

Lord, have mercy on those in distress;

Lord, have mercy on those who serve;

Lord, have mercy.

I submitted this prayer to our denominational magazine a couple of years ago and it was published; I wanted others to pray it with me. Perhaps you will pray this prayer next time you hear the sirens or see the lights flashing. I hope you will. I also hope you will pray for people like I do, and don't limit it to just this prayer. Please remember, people in need of prayer aren't always announced by lights and sirens. Sometimes those with the greatest need draw little attention to themselves. Like the young child whose mother is dying of cancer. Or the family that is struggling to pay their bills. You get the idea; you already know of some people who need prayer. Don't forget to pray for our club and our nation, too. See you at the club.

Sunday 6.14.09



We Shot TRAP!

Breakout that shotgun and join us Thursdays at 6pm for a fun evening of shooting and tall tales.

New shooters and old pros welcome.

E-mail questions to Bluegrasstraps@gmail.com

Morgan's Meanderings By Terry C. Morgan



This is more of ponder than a meander. As I pondered what was going on in our country since the new regime took over, I realized that we are on the verge of some potential changes in our life style and values that are not all that attractive to us older folk that have been brought up in an obviously different way than younger folks. There seems to be an overabundance of the attitude of "trying to get something for nothing" and "do unto others before they can do unto you". My dad always kept a sign posted back in our service area that read, "There is no such thing as a free lunch". You know, it used to be popular to advertise free lunches so you could get people into your establishment and make money on beverages. I started trying to figure out this "blame game" that is going on between the two parties that typically represent us in government. I think most of you would agree that it is getting entirely out of hand when the foremost criteria in presenting a new idea or procedure (even though it may just be a

rehash of something that was done many years before), is to justify it by blaming everything that is seemingly wrong today on the other guy and then claiming that your "new" idea will cure all the problems. After listening to all the possible ways that something could be blamed on someone else it suddenly dawned on me: a comic strip character (Pogo) once said it best: **"I have seen the enemy and they are us"**. We have no one except ourselves to blame for anything that is going on in our country because it has been our apathetic attitudes and morally bent values that have brought us here. When I get in a mood like this I like to call on our Cowboy sage, Colonel Dan who always has something to say about a subject in a much more enlightened way than I, so I will finish up this little ponder with some wisdom from Col. Dan, SASS Life #24025 who has so graciously given me permission to use his work.

When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another ... they should declare the causes which impel them to Separation."

- Declaration of Independence -

The words of a concerned Tho-

mas Jefferson ushered America onto a historically unique frontier of freedom. Similar concerns face many of today's patriots regarding freedom and unity that faced the patriots of yesterday. We know how our colonial past unfolded, but what about our future? I'm seeing more and more examples of less and less common ground among Americans, and it concerns me greatly. There's a schism that is widening into a chasm as we lose our national identity and align ourselves with a variety of splinter groups, cultures, and philosophies.

When many of us were kids, Americans seemed to share a sense of traditional values much more so than they do now. We appeared to have been more aware of what the American culture was and could more easily describe it or at least know it when we saw it and identify ourselves with it. God and guns, were not looked upon as political leprosy, the Founding Fathers were not vilified as former slave holders deserving of no respect, and the Constitution was revered as the foundation of our freedoms, rather than a challenge for politicians to circumvent and ignore ... and we were just Americans, no-in-your-face use of hyphenations that I remember. Today we seem to have lost that melting pot look and are now more like a mosaic of sub-cultures that feel a need for a hyphenated identity.

We're losing our sense of national unity that was America's unifying force or national glue that came from sharing a set of traditional cultural values. The glue that keeps any country unified boils down to a very few important ingredients ... a common language, secure borders, a shared set of traditional values upon which the country was originally based, and a sense of identity with a culture that sets its people apart from the rest of the world. In order for any group of people to remain united, they must share a common set of values they incorporate into their lives as their own and pass along to their children. History has shown when those characteristics are lost, the country soon comes unglued.

It seems to me we are now coming unglued and polarizing into two ma-

Morgan's Meanderings (continued)

for camps whose philosophies will never reach consensus because their fundamental values are mutually exclusive. Can such divergent philosophies ever coexist in one Country and under one government? The differences between the two philosophies are stark and becoming more entrenched as attitudes harden. The most basic differences are that traditionalists believe in self-reliance, self-determination, and personal freedom, while modern liberals believe in government reliance, government control, and very limited personal freedom ... for the masses.

Reviewing some concepts of the opposing philosophies, traditionalists generally believe in the former, while modern liberals generally believe in the latter: Individual freedom versus societal control; Small government versus big government; Independence versus dependence; Self-reliance and personal responsibility vs. government reliance and "shared" responsibility; Freedom of religion versus freedom from religion; Equal opportunity versus equal outcome; Private property versus public property; National sovereignty versus world government; States rights versus federal rights; The money you earn is yours versus the money you earn is ours; "Shall not be infringed" pertains to the right to keep and bear arms versus pertaining to political ambition. This country is becoming so divided in basic values and polarized in philosophy I can see no clear path to a reconciliation of these two opposing camps.

Continued coexistence would require not compromise, but submission because this confrontation involves diametrically opposed principles ... and I don't cotton to compromising principles. As I've said, compromise of principle is no compromise - it's surrender, and traditionalists are unwilling to surrender their principles.

"... in matters of principle, stand like a rock." - Thomas Jefferson -

These attacks on our Constitutional principles are clearly an attack on the country because it seeks to obliterate many of those principles and goes against the very foundation upon which we've built our lives. I sense dark clouds forming on America's horizon regarding philosophical

unification versus separation, and it shouldn't surprise anyone. We, faced separation issues in the 18th and 19th centuries, why should the 21st be much different? I believe those causes that impel separation to which Jefferson referred are being unmistakably declared everyday by these opposing ideological camps, and some form of separation becoming more of a possibility than it has been in 160 years. How this will play out is still TBD, but my faith in loyal Americans remains unshaken.

I strongly suspect that if this divisive trend continues, the day will come when patriots rise up in great numbers, standing united and strong against modern liberalism and vehemently reaffirm their traditional principles for all to hear:

"For those who choose to live in a country wherein the state is dominant over the individual and government control replaces individual freedom, that's your choice, and we'll respect your right to that choice, but don't try to fit us into that mold nor force that same choice on any of us. As we respect your right to choose your way, we demand you accord those of us who choose otherwise the same respect in our right to live a life of freedom bestowed by God •and guaranteed by our Constitution.

We refuse to accept your philosophy that leads to the loss of liberty. While we refuse to live under a system based on government domination, we'll respect the choice of those who willingly surrender that liberty in search of security. To us, however, such a life goes against the Creator's vision for mankind and the principles of freedom upon which America was founded. We choose to follow, the Founder's vision, which we believe was divinely inspired, and not by your vision that inspires authoritarians.

Let there then be no misunderstanding. We will never surrender the rights bestowed on us by our Creator that the Constitution of our Forefathers forbids government to negate. Our Constitution still governs this land despite liberalism's best efforts to undermine it, and we refuse to apologize for our beliefs that have their roots firmly based on a set of values that your philosophy

does not accept.

Let us then go our separate ways, and do so peacefully, as we see no possible reconciliation of two such divergent and mutually exclusive philosophies. If you persist in refusing to recognize our right to choose and continue to harbor thoughts of coercion through ever increasing levels of government regulation, then many may see no alternative but to impel separation?

People who revere freedom over submission will not allow themselves to be dominated by anyone, and their resolve will not waiver. As George Washington affirmed during their time of trial, *"The spirit of freedom beats too high in us to submit"* I'm convinced, traditionalists will therefore continue to soldier on the path pioneered by our Forefathers and choose to live as did they—freer

Just the view from my saddle...

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Minutes
Of
The Board of Officers and Directors
Blue Grass Sportsmen's League
May 26, 2009

Call To Order: 7:24 pm

Roll Call: Blackburn, Ruland, Caudill, Gehlbach, Kass, Morgan, Burgess, Maness, Cox, Piotrowski, Fister, Johnson, Hahn, Moore, Ironmonger, Tryon, Jarrell, Niblett, Baker, Sanders, Saylor, Cottingim

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Ken Maness, 2nd by Harold Moore to dispense in reading of the minutes.

Kitchen: Pat McFadden talked about the kitchen and helping out. He wants to keep costs as low as possible. He also spoke of the fish fry being in September this year and the cost of the tickets. The door prize will be a membership give away. Pat would like one member per division to help with the clean up.

Financial Report: by John Ruland

Total Income: \$493,191.60

Total Expenditures: \$465,860.51

Total of balances for checking and investment accounts: \$43,983.42

Total Assets / Total Liabilities: \$4,477.54

Motion: To approve financial report. Passed

Committee Reports:

Farm: No farm report given. Ben Riffell was not present due to surgery. Dr Blackburn spoke about Ben's injury.

Range Report: Jim Gaddis talked about the tubes being moved over to the Rifle Range. Grading work is going on at the GP Range; things are progressing.

Security: Mike Kass talked about 1 member and 3 non-members shooting in the pits. The non-member guests had no guest passes on them. The security committee met on the issue and recommends a trial. There was much discussion.

How to Seminar: May 30th, 2009; 10-4 in the Main Clubhouse. Tom Cottingim has extra posters if anyone wants to post one.

Outdoor Days: Lu Ann Johnson talked about the progress of "Outdoor Days". Food is on order and everything is going well. Phone calls have been coming in for camping. There are kids coming in from 4 different states. Lu Ann is working on a media package.

New Business:

BGSL Firearm Policy:

Motion: by Clay Caudill, 2nd by Mike Kass on the BGSL Firearm Policy and Concealed Carry Amendment. To adopt the attached joint recommendation from the Range and Security Committee regarding firearm handling on BGSL property. This Policy will be effective immediately. The policy will be communicated both on the web site and the newsletter (Sportsman's Trails). There was much discussion on the policy and Amendment. Call To Question by Ken Maness.
Passed

Motion: by Clay Caudill, 2nd by Brandon Ironmonger. I move the Fish Fry be September 12th, 2009 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Tickets will be \$7.00 each. One yearly membership (or renewal) will be made available as a door prize. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: by Lu Ann Johnson, 2nd by Robert Burgess to allow the Youth Committee use of the Pistol Bullseye Range for LKS Squirrel Rifle Shoots on the following Tuesday Evenings:

June 23rd, July 14th, July 21st, August 11th, and August 18th. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: by Richard Gehlbach, 2nd by Brandon Ironmonger to allow the Pistol Division to use the clubhouse and kitchen on June 12th, July 10th, and August 14th, for a cookout which will be our division monthly meeting. We request facility waivers for the clubhouse, pavilion and kitchen. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: by Brandon Ironmonger, 2nd by Tom Tryon to allow Jim Gaddis to contact all members that still owe RSO time and give them 90 days to fulfill their commitment or invoice them \$110.00 to recap the cost of the class. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: by Robert Burgess, 2nd by Lu Ann Johnson to allow use of ATV's to the river bottom to pursue the feasibility of having a ATV trail. Failed

Motion: To Adjourn.

Meeting Adjourn: 8:45 pm

Submitted by Robbie Mulcahy Secretary Blue Grass Sportsmen's League