

BGSL Sportsman Trails



President's Corner Rob Mulcahy

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Special points of interest:

- Time to enjoy the weather while it lasts
- 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.
- Always check the club calendar for scheduled events

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Best wishes to you and yours. I look forward to working with everyone during the upcoming year



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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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Morgan's Meanderings By Terry C. Morgan



I don't know about you but I have been inundated with information about the various aspects of Swine Flu (or N1H1 if you prefer) and I do appreciate our news media being concerned about our national health issues and I have actually seen and heard some enlightening information about the subject that was not filled with fluff, hyperbole and sensationalism. Don't get me wrong, I do not take the above malady lightly and I have already started on my personal program of systemic health maintenance by going to my local Kroger store and getting my regular annual seasonal flu shot. I still do not know whether or not the wise people in the Federal and State governments will allow me to have access to the newly constituted and not well tested Swine vaccine (in other words, there is no good information as to whether I fit the acceptable profile to be eligible for the above) or not so I will just piddle along and "hurry up and wait". By the way, I am sure those of you who have spent any time in the military will recognize that phrase. Those of you who do not recognize it will soon learn what it means and how important it is in your life after the new health insurance bills with public options become the law of the land. Just a word of caution.

As potentially devastating as the Swine Flu could become to portions of our society, I feel that there is a much more deadly malady that is infiltrating our membership and it is one of those "silent killers" that lurk in the background and do not make themselves evident until the very moment that it strikes you down (which is usually right in the middle of an important event). The medical community has spent very little time researching this culprit and not much concrete evidence has been published on its effects within our sporting population but I am sure you have all witnessed its debilitating effects at one time or another and maybe had to look down in shame or turn your head away from its horrible consequences. I have personally witnessed it overcome some of the very best shooters and watched them cringe and cry as it swooped down upon them unannounced. I have even suffered it's ill effect on occasion but being forewarned and prepared, I tried not to show evidence that I had been infected but rather just shrugged off the ill effects as my normally poor performance. Nobody ever noticed.

Morgan's Meanderings (cont)

The accepted medical description of this illness is “Cranial Flatulence”. In some of our more coarse population there are other names that are used but those are generally spontaneous oaths that are muttered in the frustration of the moment and have no place in a treatise on this most horrible of diseases that infect sportsmen. Some have mistakenly referred to it as “The Phinney Syndrome” which is diagnosed as when a shooter breaks 5 out of 6 clays in a row on a consistent basis. In other words, “always misses the last clay for no good reason”. This particular syndrome could easily be mistaken as Cranial Flatulence but real Cranial Flatulence does not manifest itself as such a concrete pattern. Breaking all the clays except the last one in a sequence at station after station is definitely Phinney Syndrome and no other. Cranial Flatulence would appear as missing any of the other clays but not in such a definite pattern as always the last clay in a sequence. I personally know the progenitor of the Phinney Syndrome and can attest to the fact that this is probably more of a genetic flaw than an infectious disease. I have even shaken hands with this fellow and have not been overcome with his malady but I have experienced the Cranial Flatulence effects many times when it was least expected.

The medical community does not offer much help in response to our pleas for support in the fight against this disease. There have been no movements to set up foundations to fund the fight against the destructive aspects of this disease (I did try to collect funds from several people but I have not been able to get across the message of how debilitating this disease can be and therefore most people I have approached to give me donations have sneered, turned their backs and gone about their ways, oblivious to the needs of others) and there is literally no discussion amongst professionals as to the best way to fight this score killer. This sickness spans the entire sports arena. It matters not whether you are an archer, shotgunner, rifle officiano, pistolero, caster, croquet master, golfer or contender in any other sport, you are subject to the effects of this mean harbinger of ill effects. It has been unsubstantially considered to be especially rabid in the bodies and minds of those proponents of the Black Powder arts but there is not sufficient research available to substantiate this claim. I do know several Muzzleloaders who are severe sufferers of Cranial Flatulence and should you be out on the Black Powder range at any time, be sure you wear something over your mouth and nose. If you see people like Archie Hilliard, Harold Moore, Tom Cottingim, John Ruland and Marvin Inman on the range, just stop and watch them try to overcome the effects of this harbinger of all things bad. You might take notice of

Morgan's Meanderings (cont)

the fact that I did not mention Jeanette or brother McMillan in that bunch mainly because those two do not suffer from the ailment. The disease must not be directly infectious because I don't see how someone like Archie could be so heavily infected with it and Jeanette have so many antibodies against it. You know, bass fishermen are not immune either. Watch people like Mike Kass and Walt Bowman and you will see distinct symptoms evidence themselves. If you have a weak stomach, maybe it would be best if you did not watch them. On the other hand, if you can watch them carefully for a short length of time you will see what I mean about how scurrilous this disease can be and maybe you can learn how to avoid it (but I doubt that). In any case, I will make another attempt to establish a foundation whereby you can donate to a worthy cause and feel good about yourself. Mail all contributions to T. C. Morgan in care of this newsletter. I will see that your contribution is put to good use. No, I do not send out letters to the IRS in support of your donations. The postage is too expensive. I will try to keep my administrative costs down to something in the area of 90% so that plenty of money will be available for research into this destructive issue. Hey, administrative costs are out of sight with all the extra government paper work that is necessary. If you need further information about this illness just come on out to the Sporting Clays range with me and I will give you first hand accurate demonstrations of the effects of this killer.



Brandon Ironmonger ran 25 straight clays at trap.

Are you wondering what happened to the bill of his hat?

In keeping with tradition his hat was shot in celebration.

His Mom (Bobbie) shot off the bill!

Bluegrass Sportsman Trails

Summer's over – school is back in session – the holiday season is right around the corner. All these things do not necessarily mean a lack of activities for the youth of our club. In November we have held – or will hold – at least 7 events.

November 7th – Thanks to all the SASS guys for holding a Youth Cowboy Shoot. We all had a great time and look forward to doing this again really soon!

November 12th – Youth Archery at the Nicholasville City/County Park . Over 50 kids came out to learn about the NASP program and Archery shooting.

November 14th – Youth Trap Practice. We still have some kids coming out to work on their skill for next year's State Shoot – some just come to beat their parents on the Trap Range (like my daughter).

November 19th – Youth Archery at the Nicholasville City/County Park. We hope to fill the house again – starts at 6pm.

November 21st – Youth Trap Practice begins at 2pm.

November 26th – 2nd Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This dinner is Youth's way of giving back to the club and the community. There was no charge for this old-fashioned dinner with all the fixins'.

November 28th – Youth Trap Practice begins at 2pm.

While still in the planning process, December looks to be filled with all kinds of fun stuff. We are working on a 2 day rabbit hunt, our 2nd Annual Christmas Party for kids, open deer hunt weekend for kids, archery, trap and hey – if we get snow – we'll have a sledding day.

Keep an eye on the calendar and sign up for the blast – we'll keep you informed of any events for youth members and guests.

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Casting Division Gears Up for 2010

The World Equestrian Games are not the only show coming to town in the fall of 2010. The Casting Division will host the 102nd Annual National Casting Tournament at BGSL in August. Teams and individuals from all across the country and Canada will descend on the Bluegrass for 6 days of competition, fellowship, and the telling of tall tales.

Division President – “Cajun” Bill Clements has brought new life to the division. He has begun “Project Healing Waters” a federally sponsored program to teach disabled veterans the sport of fly casting. Along with Rev. Tom Cottingim – fly tier extraordinaire – we have hosted several groups of veterans at our facility. This is a good program that allows us to “give back” to those who have fought for our freedoms.

The Youth Program has also been very active on the Casting Ponds this year. We have some real talent in the kids. This has been shown in the Youth Ironman Competition in May (27 kids competing), Outdoor Days in June and a monthly event in July. With the right support, Casting will have a regular night each week during the casting season just for Youth instruction and practice.

As probably the smallest division in the club, Casting would like to send out a challenge to all club members to come out, bring your tackle and enjoy a bit of competition with us. There is no age limit or physical requirement for our sport. You don’t have to purchase ammo or reload – so we’re a very cost effective sport.

Keep your eyes on the calendar as well as sign up for the BGSL Blast – we’ll keep you up to date on upcoming events.



Choose Your Weapon

Bluegrass Sportsman Trails



From the BGS� Chaplain

by Rev. Tom Cottingim

Last month my wife, Judy, and I went on a family vacation that included our two youngest grandchildren. We spent a week in a chalet in the Smokies where I got to be a full-time Papaw. There are some duties involved with being Papaw. First of all, Papaw, and no one else, must be the one to put little ones in and out of car seats. Papaw must always read *"Bedtime for Frances,"* or, *"Frog and Toad Are Friends"* when requested...at least seven times in a row. But, most of all, whenever Papaw has a bowl of ice cream there will instantly be a little girl on one side and a little boy on the other. And, between the two of them, Papaw most likely will not get even a taste. I wouldn't have it any other way.

The day we came home from our trip my granddaughter was sick and had a high fever. The next day my grandson had the same illness. They both had the H1N1 virus. Being healthy little children, they both recovered very quickly. Somehow through it all, Papaw, er that is, I, didn't get the virus. But I did learn a little about H1N1 during the process; and I want to share it with you.

The only ways H1N1 can enter the body are by way of the nostrils and mouth and throat. Since this is a global epidemic, you can't avoid coming into contact with the virus no matter what you do. But contact does not necessarily mean illness and secondary infections. It takes 2-3 days after the virus enters the nose or mouth to proliferate to a level that will cause symptoms. There are some simple precautions that will help prevent the virus from growing and they do not include trying to get hold of N95 or Tamiflu.

Wash your hands. *A lot.* Hand sanitizer is a good substitute.

Don't touch your face. Of course, there are some necessary exceptions to this one.

Gargle at least twice a day with warm salt water. You can use an antiseptic rinse if you must, but the warm salt water works just as well. It is said this has the same effect on a healthy person as Tamiflu has on an infected one.

Since the nose is the other danger zone, clean your nostrils with warm salt water.

Eat foods rich in Vitamin C. If you get your C in tablet form, make sure you also get some Zinc to insure its absorption.

Drink a lot of warm liquid. This washes the virus into the stomach where it can not spread or do other harm. That proves what I have always believed: coffee is good for me! Coffee may have saved me from the flu.

I hope this information will help you avoid the H1N1. Stay healthy so you can enjoy all the sporting activities we love. We will be booking the same chalet for next Spring and I will be on duty as Papaw again. I can't wait. See you at the club.

Blessings,

Tom



Minutes for the General Membership Meeting

September 2, 2009

Meeting was called to order: at 7:10pm by President Blackburn.

Roll Call: Present: President Blackburn, Treasure Ruland, Secretary Mulcahy,
Directors @ Large: Kass, Bickert, Caudill, Gehlbach, Morgan.

Order Of Business:

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Nominating Committee Chairman

1. Presented slate of nominees for the Elections of Officers

2. Nominations:

President: Rob Mulcahy

Secretary: Mike Kass

Treasure: Dan Fister

Directors@Large

John Benson

Tim Bickert

Fred Foster

Terry Morgan

Richard Gehlbach

All Offices were elected by Acclimation.

3. LuAnn Johnson gave a report on the upcoming JD Crowe Festival.

4. Motion by John Burke second by Brandon Ironmonger to Adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted by Mike Kass Secretary Blue Grass Sportsmen's League

Minutes

Of

The General Membership Meeting

Blue Grass Sportsmen's League

October 6, 2009

Call to order: 7:15

Roll call: Present; Mulkey, Fister, Kass, Gehlbach, Bickert, Benson, Foster.

Pledge of Allegiance – led by vets

Invocation: Tom Cottingim

No Quorum present

Dispense reading minute's last meeting 1st Bill Blackburn 2nd Earl Mcwhorter

Dispense BOD minute's 1st Earl Mcwhorter 2nd Luann Johnson

Treasurer Report

Dan Fister

Budget: Reviewed the new budget for the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year.

Mr. Fister gave the final report of the League. This consisted of the P & L as well the Balance sheet.

Stated that month was finished \$450.00 under budget

Dignitary Report

LKS president Rick Allen

Mr. Allen gave a follow up report on the attempted property purchase. Deal has fallen through at this point. LKS is looking at 3 other properties to purchase. One property is 18k continuous acres of timber. He stated all funds from other sources besides LKS dues. A grant from the KY Land Heritage Trust Fund and some money from sale of LKS License plates for vehicles will be used to pay for purchase.

Mr. Allen referenced the Heller case and the right to protect ones self. Chicago currently disputing the ruling of Supreme Court stating you can have handgun because DC is not state so the ruling does not apply to a state. LKS is filing an "amicus brief" on the matter. Supreme Court has picked up the case.

Farm Report

Ben Riffell

Road Repairs will begin within the next month the repairs will be on the road to the Club House and the curve between the white house and the corn crib.

Cattle update: 14 new calves

Hunting: anyone interested in hunting on property please get with Ben Riffell

Timber: State Department of Forestry will be finishing up marking and tallying of the timber. Once completed a contract with the logging company will be worked out at a later date.

Kitchen Report

Pat McFadden

Thanked members who helped at the fish fry, also special thanks to "Jason and Mike" the club arranged 2 qty 100 bird sporting clays rounds as gesture of appreciation – see Ben to get information on receiving certificates for clays.

Robbie Mulcahy

Announced Jim Gaddis resigned and introduced the acting Range Master Matt Jewel. Matt stated that he is working on opening up the ranges for Columbus Day and that the hours would be posted on the web site. He stated that with earlier darkness (time change) the Range hours would be adjusted accordingly. He talked about the new target frame stands at GP, they are more user friendly!!

Youth Report

LuAnn Johnson

Announced the archery shooting at the Blue Building at the City County Park. This is a joint effort with the county.

Youth Deer hunt

The Youth Division has been catering lunches of some events on BGSL, primarily as a fund raiser for ammo money for the Youth.

The Youth Divisions Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners are still in the planning stages.

Membership Report

Tom Cottingim

There were 25 new members in September.

Tom discussed the BOD decision to extend the lower initiation fee. The \$25 initiation fee included gate card.

He reminded everyone of the recruitment incentive, recruit 5 new members in a year and receive and your next year dues are paid for.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Robbie Mulcahy

Announced a change of the office operating hours, the first three Saturdays of the month the office will be open from 9:00 to 1:00.

Motion to adjourn by James Smith 2nd by Bruce Sanders

Meeting Adjourned: 7:51 pm

Respectively Submitted by

Mike Kass

BGSL Secretary

BOD meeting 9-29-09

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Invocation – Tom Cottingim

Roll call – Mike Kass – Present were Mulkey, Fister, Kass, Bickert, Foster, Gehlbach, Benson, Morgan, Dacci, Maness, Cox, Piotrowski, Burgess, Johnson, Hillard (stand in), Keller, Angell, Martin, Pinkston, Jarrell, Niblet, Alexander, Baker, Ironmonger, Blackburn, Riffell, Cottingim, Rohrback.

Robbie Mulcahy - Introduction of Tiffany Rohrback new office staff.

Reading of minutes

Motion by Fred Foster 2nd Colin Baker to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as written.

Financial Report

Report was given by Dan Fister.

Motion by Richard Gehlbach to postpone acceptance of the treasurer's report until software and report corrections have been made. 2nd John Benson motion passed

Tom Cottingim presented Robbie Mulcahy with plaque of appreciation from the 4-H for the facility use during state shoot.

Robbie Mulcahy mentioned committee assignments and asked if anyone wished to be on one to tell him.

Membership Committee Report

Tom Cottingim informed BOD of new members this month and renewals; asked BOD permission to promote the NRA hard at each orientation. Discussed NRA funds for recruiting new members. Tom also had been asking for the new membership's to join the Chaplin's Volunteer list (name – skills – etc) Wants to maintain a list (private) of this group to do needed work for the BGSL.

Security Committee

Richard Gehlbach stated there were not any issues at this time.

Farm and Wildlife

Ben Riffell gave Hunting update 17 Qualified Hunters BGSL Hunt Orientation 10/06/09

Timber update Division of foresters marking trees will finish up on 10/04/09

Cattle update have not sold any 20 head count + calves

Also, if anyone was still interested in hay to contact Ben.

Technology Committee

Richard Gehlbach upgraded Quick books over the weekend

Will be investigating the discrepancies in the P & L and member reports likely resulting from the upgrade

Still working on wireless internet updates and upgrades

Discussed Membership Software

Wild Apricot being considered very basic design of the software – monthly fee is 200.00 felt this is mostly budget neutral when consider some outside source expenses we incur w/ Quick books explained some of the virtues of this as an accounting tool. FYI only

Mentioned point of contact email name for each division asked each division for a point of contact for that specific division.

Youth Committee

LuAnn Johnson discussed the trap shooting Monday and Thursday nights

Reported on the JD Crowe festival recruiting

Set-up at the “burgoo festival to recruit

Setting up at a benefit for foster kids of KY

Upcoming cowboy shoots in Nov

Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner activity

Mentioned upcoming youth deer hunt

Archery Division

Ken Maness mentioned the Blue Building at city County Park in Nicholasville will be used for archery project and BGSL archery will be assisting in the instruction of the kids. BGSL will be letting them use equipment and assistance.

New Business

Robbie Mulcahy asked that Jim Gattis Letter be read by Ben Riffell.

Dan Fister stated that the budget matters for next fiscal year, also cautioned about the new member line how important it is to bring in new members.

Motion by Bill Blackburn to except budget as presented 2nd Terry Morgan motion passed

Bill Blackburn discussed importance of leasing or buying new tractor due to much repair on existing tractor.

Steve Cox motion that the farm and exe committee research and bring forth to the BOD next meeting the purchase or lease of a new or late model used tractor 2nd John Benson motion passed

Robbie Mulcahy discussed the road repair in two locations

Motion by Terry Morgan to approve repair of road to main club house and by the corn crib for a cost of 7600.00 2nd Ken Maness motion passed

Discussion of the range modifications Robbie Mulcahy stated estimate for steel for GP is 2800.00

Mike Kass Presented motions

Motion #1 by Kass second by Fister to indemnify the previous board. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #2 by Johnson second by Burgess to allow 4H State Games on 10/17-10/19/2010. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #3 by Johnson second by Burgess to allow Squirrel Rifle shoots on the Rimfire Range Saturday s starting 10/10/2009. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #4 by Hillard second by Gehlbach to approve Muzzle Loader event dates, open shoot 4th Sunday, woods walk 5th Sunday, Pistol match third Saturday. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #5 by Blackburn second by Ironmonger to allow Trap Division to host AIM coach class on 10/24-10/25/2009. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #6 by Gehlbach second by Piotrowski to allow an Apple seed clinic on 11/14-11/15/2009. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #7 by Angell second by Keller to keep the Initiation Fee at \$25.00 including Gate Card for the remainder of the fiscal year 2009-2010. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #8 by Baker second by Alexander to allow the Skeet Division to build a covered 5 stand building on Skeet field #2 not to exceed \$2000.00 Division funded. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #9 by Keller second by Angell to approve Pistol Division dates, USPSA/IPSC- 1st Sunday of the month, Steel Showdown- 2nd Saturday of the month, Bullseye- 2nd Sunday of the month May thru October, IDPA- 3rd Saturday of the month, Cowboy- 3rd Sunday of the month, Single Stack/Production 5th Sunday of the month. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #10 by Blackburn second by Ironmonger to approve a Military benefit shoot at Skeet and Sporting Clays Division on 5/8/2010, Range fees to be exempt. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #11 by Blackburn second by Ironmonger to approve the use of the Pointer Setter facility by the Training Committee on 10/24/09 and also for use as a backup facility when not in use by the Division. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #12 by Keller second by Angell to allow the Pistol Division to hold a swap meet in the Main Clubhouse on 10/31/2009. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #13 by Cox second by Johnson to require the Farm and Executive Committee to present a proposal for the future of the Ford tractor to be presented at the October Board meeting. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #14 by Morgan second by Maness to expend \$7600.00 to repair the Blacktop road going to the Main Clubhouse and the 2 areas by the corn crib. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #15 by Gehlbach second by Piotrowski to allow the expenditure of \$3000.00 for the purchase of and installation of steel on the 100 yard portion Rimfire Range Baffles. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #16 by Martin second by Pinkston to allow the Pointer Setter (Gun Dog Division) the ability to use pigeons for dog training. Motion **Passed**.

Motion #17 by Martin second by Pinkston to allow the Pointer Setter Division to change its name to the Gun Dog Division, the Division assumes all costs involved for signage changes. Motion **Passed**.

Motion by LuAnn Johnson to adjourn meeting 2nd John Benson motion **Passed**

Adjourned at 9:46

Respectfully submitted by Mike Kass Secretary.

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