



Bluegrass Sportsman Trails

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President's Corner

Walter Miller

Greetings to all,

First I would like to thank everyone for the faith in me demonstrated during the last election. We, at BGSL, are facing some very challenging times. During this coming year I will give my best effort to getting us on a plan that will ensure we continue to have a venue where we can do the things we enjoy.

I want to encourage everyone to visit and try out the other divisions in our facility. I want to challenge every member to make an extra effort to welcome any new people that show up at your division and make their visit a memorable one. If we don't get people actively involved in our divisions they don't renew their memberships and we lose the chance to make some very good friends.

If anyone has issues they want to address with me you can send them to President@BGSLINC.com

Thanks and I'll see you at the club.

League Information

Be informed—Get involved!

Contact information for all Division Officers and Directors, as well as, Board of Director Meeting Minutes are available on the BGSL Website (www.bgslinc.com) or you can contact the office and have information mailed.

Air Gun

The Air Gun Division played host to it's Annual Regional Tournament on September 9th, 10th and 11th. This tourney was attended by participants from FL, GA, TN, OH, WV, TX, MS and CA who came out to enjoy some BGSL Southern Hospitality. Fresh pork, venison and beef were grilled and locally grown fresh produce prepared by David Tucker for enjoyment by all.

Monthly matches will be posted on the BGSL website once dates are determined.

Archery

The Archery Division invites you to come out and enjoy our General Purpose Range. Bag targets are set at 20, 30, 40 & 50 yards. You can shoot from the ground, or take advantage of our shooting platform to simulate tree stand shooting. There is a specific broadhead target, so please do not shoot broadheads at our other bags.

The Archery Division also maintains a 3D course in the wooded area below the division clubhouse. 3D shooting is \$3 for club members and \$5 for member's guests—there is a box next to the front door of the clubhouse for remission of this fee.

Since this is hunting season, it would be wise to check the board in the main clubhouse lobby to make sure there are no hunters in the archery area prior to shooting the 3D course.

The Division holds it's monthly meeting at 6pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to come out and shoot, eat, and enjoy.

Casting

Although the weather is turning colder, the accuracy targets are still floating in the ponds next to the main clubhouse. There are two accuracy plug and two accuracy fly courses set at this time. The ponds are to be used with plastic or rubber plugs only—no hooks! If you would like plugs for use, please contact Lu Ann Johnson (502) 598-1533 and we'll make sure you have what you need.

The Division is looking to grow in 2012 as it appears that the American Casting Association (ACA) National Tournament will be held in Cincinnati, OH. This tournament, held the 1st week of August each year, brings casters from across the country and Canada to compete in their age class for national awards. Since the tournament is so close, we hope to take a team of BGSL Youth north and bring back some hardware (and bragging rights) for our club.

If you like fishing, this Division will assist you in putting your lure right where you want it. If you want to see how far you can cast, this is the place. There are numerous distance, as well as accuracy events open to casters of all genders and ages. We invite you to come out, join us and learn about our sport.

Division events are catalogued on the web calendar, as well as the event listing on the website. You can also check the site for any late breaking news, scores or highlights from the many events taking place at our club.

Chaplain's Report

by Rev. Tom Cottingham

This past Summer I had the most fun I have ever had. I was part of the Youth Division's first ever Outdoor Adventure Week, which was for the children of BGSL members. Parents brought the kids to the Lodge early each day and picked them up at five. We promised the parents we would give their kids back at the end of each day tired and dirty. We kept our promise.

The days were spent doing everything we could possibly do at BGSL that would produce maximum fun. We ate breakfast, then rode our hay wagon to go play. We shot Archery; we went fishing at the Lake; we shot air rifles; we did crafts; we shot muzzle loaders; we did some casting; we went for a nature walk; we had a picnic in the woods; we discovered a 1780's mountain man and his camp in the woods; we shot .22 rifles; we learned survival skills; we ate lunch at the Lodge and played football or baseball; we played corn hole; we shot sling shots; we used hula-hoops; we ate popsicles and watermelon; we shot a potato cannon; then we competed on the last day for the title of Top Shot. To wrap it all up, we had the biggest water gun war ever recorded on BGSL property. Notice I said "we." That is because I got to be a

kid again myself. I got to play with the kids. To the point, I had fun.

When is the last time you have just had fun? Just in case you find yourself in need of a little fun, I have something for you. On October 22, I will host the first installment of the Chaplain's Challenge Rifle Match at the General Purpose Range. Here is how it will work:

Only .22 rimfire rifles; any stock type; any kind of sights; no slings.

Sign in and shoot any time between 10-4; this first match will be BGSL members only.

Match fee is \$3; re-entry fee is \$1; under age 16 shoot for \$1; only your highest score counts.

Shooting must be done from off-hand (standing) position only;

Targets will be Animal Crackers painted black on white background at 17 yards.

First target will be 10 animals; fire 10 rounds; if all are hits you may then shoot 'til you miss.

Winner will receive half of the total match fees paid; remainder goes to the GP Range.

Come to the club and have some fun! See you there!

Blessings,
Tom

Division News

Kitchen

The Kitchen Division would like to invite everyone to the General Membership meetings held the 1st Tuesday of each month. We prepare culinary delights for your palate each and every month. As the holidays are right around the corner, the Division will be preparing traditional holiday fare for the November and December meetings.

Please check the website for a monthly menu and come out to enjoy a meal with your fellow sportsmen and women.

Pistol

Greetings from the BGSL Pistol Division! The leaves are starting to turn and the weather is perfect to be outside shooting your favorite handgun. BGSL offers a wide variety of pistol shooting opportunities. Whether you are interested in target shooting with a 22 or blasting away on a hoser stage in USPSA there are things to do for all levels of skill and interest on the pistol ranges of the club.

For those of you interested in our various pistol matches. The Pistol Division offers such sports as: Single Action Shooting Society (SASS), International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA), NRA Bullseye, United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA), Steel Showdown, and 3 Gun. Many of these sports shoot year round so check the sports section of the Pistol Division portion on the BGSL website for more info.

The Pistol Division is also hosting the annual GSSF Bluegrass Regional Glock Match this October 22 & 23. This is also a very fun match for beginners and experienced Glock enthusiasts alike. So grab your Glock and come shoot with us or even just bring the family to come out and watch Glock shooter's from around the country compete in our two day tournament. Hope to see you on the range soon!

Rifle

The rifle division exists to provide a place to shoot long guns. Its mission also includes promoting the skill of rifle shooting, safety and education of firearms, and the opportunity to be part of a group that enjoys "rifles". The division is active and continues to support firearms laws and policies in the state and nation. The rifle division schedules regular matches (shooting competitions) including rim fire (22), and "bulls eye" shooting (for custom and factory rifles). The folks that operate the range provide safety instruction, and correct shooting techniques. They are also available to offer advice on equipment to be used while shooting on the range, such as, front and rear rest, hearing and eye protection, as well as, equipment to maintain your rifle.

At present the division has a member that is an expert gunsmith that could rework your factory

rifle, or build a custom rifle. New and old members, hope to see you as part of the rifle division and its mission...

To provide an opportunity for EVERYONE to participate in a rifle competition and be successful, a match has been designed to include all skill levels and rifles (excluding guns above 30 caliber). The match will be held on October 23rd (9:00). The folks that have custom rifles will be competing only with each other. Another class will be modified rifles, competing against each other, with a third class of only "out of the box" factory rifles competing with each other. We will shoot "bulls eyes" at 100 and 200 yards. A front and rear rest will be required. For additional information contact Mike Niblett, (Rifle Division President) 859-321-5215

Hope to see you at a rifle competition...

Youth

It's the H & H season for youth—Hunting & Holidays. Squirrel, rabbit, and deer will fill out the end of the year hunting season. Make sure you keep an eye on the calendar and events on the website or sign-up for the Youth Blast to keep informed of upcoming events.

This is also the season for our End-Of-Year Camp Out—taking place on October 21st & 22nd. We'll play outdoors, cook outdoors and sleep outdoors. Rev. Tom is also putting together an extra challenging night orienteering course for a little extra fun.

After our camp out, we will begin planning for the 4th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This event, held on Thanksgiving Day, is for anyone (member or non-member) who is looking for a family style gathering to celebrate our great nation. We pull out all the stops and prepare a feast fit for a king. There is no charge for this event although donations will be accepted. We also decorate our Christmas Tree during this event—this year's theme is "The Sportsman Tree". We'll be stringing shell casings, bobbers, and other club related items to make this year's tree totally unique.

Our next holiday enterprise will be the Annual Youth Christmas Party. Santa will make an appearance and there will be gifts for all the Youth. Please register your child with Lu Ann Johnson (502) 598-1533 or youth@bgslinc.com—we wouldn't want anyone to be left out.

The Youth Division is open to anyone and everyone. We are specifically a "member service" organization and enjoy providing entertainment and education for all the young and young at heart.

Other Items of Interest

Morgan's Meanderings

By Terry C. Morgan

I was meandering around the club the other day on some business to find my sound system that we had moved to another location and that took me to one of my favorite places: the Gun Dog Division club house. Now, I am not a member of that Division and it is not the clubhouse that is my favorite place; rather it is the kennels just outside the clubhouse. When I approached the area all the puppies started their usual greeting howls and barks and although it is pretty noisy at first, you just have to love it. I did not go over there to antagonize the babies but since I had to go look in the window to see if I could spot my toy, I figured I might as well see the livestock while I was there.

As I have mentioned before, I am not a hunter. My dad was a small game and bird hunter but he never took me hunting (I am not sure why) so I never really learned the tricks of the trade nor was I ever raised on wild game meat (but I did learn how to eat quail smothered in gravy pretty well). My grandfather (a genuine Missouri tenant farmer) tried to teach me to hunt squirrels and rabbits but I could not see them as well as he could and he got frustrated with me. I am really a sofie when it comes to animals and I won't shoot a possum or raccoon offhand unless they are killing my cats and chickens and then I might let 'im have it. Now don't get me wrong here, I have nothing against folks who like to hunt for food to eat and I realize there are times when the animal population needs some control work for various reasons and I can even see why some folks like to trophy hunt, even though I don't particularly like the idea myself. So, as you might imagine, I am a real sucker when it comes to dogs and such. When I lived in Louisville I had a friend who was a pretty good quail hunter and he took me with him a couple of times. His family had a farm in Shelby County and he could scare up covey after covey when we went down there. We laid in some tall grass on a knoll one time and he called up a fox from quite a long distance and that booger stood right in front of us looking us in the face before he bolted. He knew where that fox was to start with because he saw its tail flip up above the grass from where we stood on top of that knoll. Now, I will shoot those quail because I like to eat them very well. My wife taught me to eat quail because it was a traditional meat dish on Christmas in her family. They used to hunt their own and then bought them from a local hunter and finally had to start buying them from a specialty shop when the coveys started thinning out so much it was hard to find them. I even tried raising them for a while back in the seventies. Not much luck what with all the other agricultural practices that we had to follow.

Well, all this preamble is to try to set the stage for what followed next. I walked along in front of

the kennels and looked at all the little smiling faces and then I came to one forlorn little dog who was holding his food dish in his mouth and seemed to be saying to me; "Please take me home with you. They are starving me to death here and I need some comfort and nourishment". Well, it just floored me because I know how much these members care for their animals and I just could not understand why this little fella' was being treated this way. I understand that some trainers don't want to coddle their dogs and make them into house pets but to deliberately mistreat them in this manner was a blow to me. Naturally I went up to see if I could make the little guy feel any better in some way and I was doing my best to try to figure out a way to get someone to come and feed him (or maybe a her). There was no one around that I could see that had anything to do with the kennels and everyone else on the property at that time that I knew about was either involved with the GP Range or the Shotgun Venue. This poor forlorn dog made several trips back and forth to the entrance of his shelter as if to say, "I have tried to be a good boy and done everything they asked but they just don't like me". The only course of action I could come up with was to go find someone or maybe call Ben and ask him who was in charge of the kennels so I figured I would get in my truck and strike out for an answer to the problem at hand. As I was driving out the driveway to the main road I looked back and saw that he had placed his dish on the ground and was smiling at me. I heard him say as I drove out of sight; "Got'cha Sucker!"

Trapshooting Etiquette

By Charlie Becknell

We are seeing quite a few new shooters at BGSL and the trap division would like to say, WELCOME. Since many have never shot trap before, I thought going over some of the basics of good sportsmanship would be in order.

Trap has five stations; number one is the post to the far left. The other posts are numbered from the left, two through five. The squad leader is always the person who starts to the far left and he remains squad leader during this 25 target event. If you are on a squad with less than five members, the squad leader is still the far left post. The squad leader should check to see that all shooters are on the line. He may then call for one "show" target so the squad can check the height and distance of the target. The squad leader will then call for his target and will be followed by the remaining shooters to his right. After each shooter has shot five targets (or five pairs if shooting doubles), it is time to rotate one station to your right. When rotating positions your gun must be open and unloaded. If you are on Post five, turn to your right (to avoid bumping with someone coming from Post four), and proceed to Post one. The squad leader will ALWAYS start each round as he (or she) moves from post to post. The squad

leader should wait until the shooters have gotten positioned on their post before he calls for a target. When we are shooting from a specified yardage, PLEASE stand still and don't step back and forth, stay on your yardage, movement is distracting to your squad mates. After each shooter has fired 25 shots, the round is over. A few house rules are now in order.

If there is a gun malfunction, everyone should unload. If it is your gun that malfunctions, keep the gun pointed down range (towards the trap house) and put the safety on. If you cannot handle the problem, stay where you are and ask management for help, we will COME to you and handle the problem. Never swing around on the line with a gun that has had a dud or misfire. If you don't know what to do, ask for help. If you are shooting and you get a weak shell that just spits out the shot you must make sure that the wad (plastic material inside the shell that separates your powder from the shot) has cleared the barrel. If the wad is left in the barrel it could cause the pressures to exceed the gun's pressure maximum and explode the barrel or receiver on the next shot. If a wad or shell gets stuck, management will get it out of the gun, and then look down the barrel to make sure he "can see from one end of the barrel to the other."

We have voice activated speakers that are very sensitive. When you are talking on the line with your buddy and you are throwing targets that are not shot at or paid for, you cost the club money. Trying to keep costs down is EVERYONES responsibility. If you are shooting a semiautomatic gun, be careful that closing your gun does not throw a target. One of the ways to do this is to close the gun just as soon as you hear one of your squad mates gun go off. There is small time window of about a second where the speakers don't trip. Make sure when you close your pump or automatic that it is pointed towards the trap and that it stays in that direction, we must be safe at all times. If you do not have a shell catcher on your gun, I would advise you to get one. In order to keep labor costs down, it is each shooters responsibility to pick up his hulls. If you are physically unable to pick them up, the trap help will pick them up. You will notice we have TWO trash cans behind each field, one is for paper only; the other is for hulls, field, plastic, i.e. things we cannot burn. Since we have so many shooters, please be courteous and wait your turn. When others are shooting and you are behind the line, try to keep the noise down and not distract the shooters. They should extend the same courtesy to you. When it is your turn to go out to the line, be ready. If the trap needs to be loaded; the trap help may load the trap while you are shooting. When he is walking to the trap house, guns must be unloaded and open until the line is clear. If you see the orange cone on top of the trap house, turn off the green button and unload, our trap help is afraid of loaded guns pointed at them. Be safe and courteous and we will all enjoy the range more.

For Your Information

In an effort to increase communications among our members, The Blue Grass Sportsmen's League will be publishing a quarterly newsletter.

The BGSL newsletter is available in a traditional print format as well as an email communication. To help us control our costs on printing and postage, please specify your preference below and mail them back to the BGSL office or just send your email address to editor@bgslinc.com.

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