



BGSL in April 2022

April at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League always brings our choices of outdoor activities up a few notches -- from spring turkey hunting and the IBO Spring National Shoot and a full agenda of local competitive matches in all disciplines to hiking and camping while the nights are milder and the days are not too hot or too cold but just right. No fooling: It will be difficult not to find something or several things to your liking at BGSL this month, so take advantage of conditions and use your club to its fullest -- and don't forget to share it with friends and family!

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, at 7PM. Come on down to your clubhouse, catch up on club business, and fellowship over a meal with your fellow club members.

Other Items of Interest

Check Calendar for Rifle Range Regularly

At this time, the 300 Yard Rifle Range is scheduled to be open to both centerfire and rimfire shooters under the [Revised 300 Yard Rifle Range Policy in the afternoon Wednesdays through Saturdays, with longer hours now that DST is in effect.](#) We will continue to publish the schedule for these uses one week at a time on the [BGSL Website Events Calendar](#), so please get into the habit of checking the calendar regularly if you want to use the 300 Yard Range and are properly certified. Meanwhile, GP is open all day every day as always, including the use of centerfires.

[Spring Turkey Lottery](#)

The drawing for the Spring Turkey Lottery will be held at the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, April 5. If you would like to purchase tickets, you can call the Office at 859-858-4060 or buy them at the General Membership Meeting before the drawing.

BGSL Training Certified Instructors

[Timothy Johnson](#) continues to focus primarily on the basics of pistol shooting in small group classes, but he is also available for private individual lessons and coaching. Contact him via the button on his instructor profile page linked by his name.

[Natalie Bohon](#): Natalie continues to be available for private or small group lessons. In April, Natalie will be offering her popular Intermediate Handgun Class on Wednesday evenings starting April 6 along with at least a couple of CCDW/Home Defense classes: [See the updated list here.](#)

Other Training Opportunities at BGSL

[Frontier Defense](#) will be offering some of their classes at BGSL. [Frontier Defense class listings \(incl. BGSL\) and sign-ups.](#)

Hunter Education Class

There is a Hunter Education class at BGSL scheduled for April 2. [Sign-up here.](#)

[BGSL Youth Committee](#)

The Spring Youth Turkey hunt will be going on at BGSL April 2-3 as covered in a previous BLAST. For April, the regular Youth Activity will be at Shotgun on Saturday, April 16, 1:30-3:30pm. Contact Nelson Bottoms at youth@bgsllinc.com for details.

Hunting Education Instructors Needed

Youth Committee Chairman Nelson Bottoms is exploring the possibility of summer youth day camps to provide an opportunity for young people to experience the outdoors at BGSL and earn their Hunter Ed orange cards at the same time, and he will need multiple instructors for this. If you currently have your Hunter Education Instructor qualifications or would be willing to train to get those qualifications to help out, contact Nelson at youth@bgsllinc.com for details and to volunteer.

[Camping at BGSL](#)

With the warmer weather, camping at BGSL becomes an even more attractive option. In general, BGSL offers primitive campsites, campsites with full RV hookups, and campsites with limited power and water. The permanent primitive campsites will be closed April 4-10 for the IBO setup and shoot, but alternative primitive camping locations will be available during this time. Call the BGSL Office at 859-858-4060 to reserve a spot.

[BGSL Gift Certificates](#)

BGSL Gift Certificates are available year round for all of your gift giving occasions, and there are

multiple options that are sure to please any recipient with an interest in the outdoors or the shooting sports.

New Member Orientations

There are meeting times on the calendar for Orientations, but in order to keep the group sizes low, additional orientation meetings may be needed. New members should arrange for a meeting time directly with the office (859-858-4060) rather than simply coming to one of the pre-scheduled meeting times.

Pit Pass Qualifier

One of these at a minimum will be offered every month, typically on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Like the new member orientations, the qualifiers must be organized to limit numbers, so let Ben Riffell know that you are interested by contacting him or leaving a message for him at the office at 859-858-4060, and he can notify you when a space in the qualifier is available.

Divisions/Sports

Note that the division names in the headings below are linked to the divisions' pages where you will find general information about, and contacts for, the divisions.

Archery

The BGSL Archery Division will host the IBO Spring National Shoot April 8-10. Several hundred participants are expected, and there may still be a chance to sign up for the shoot or to volunteer to help with setup or running the shoot. Contact archery@bgslinc.com with any questions about the upcoming IBO or the Archery Division in general.

Casting

The Jessamine County High School Bass Club is using the Clubhouse and Casting Ponds for meetings and practices on Wednesday evenings. The Bass Club will also be using the club house on the evening of the 16th for a fundraiser to support the team next year.

If you would like information about the Casting Division or would like to use the Casting Ponds, contact casting@bgslinc.com.

Gun Dog

Contact gundog@bgslinc.com for information on division events or to join the division.

Muzzeloader

Bryan Station Open Table Match: **Saturday, April 16**

Monthly (4th Sunday) Open Shoot: **Sunday, April 24**

NRL22

NRL22 Match: Sunday, April 10

Pistol

REGULAR MATCHES

USPSA Match: Sunday, April 3

Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, April 9

Remember that Practicsore is required to sign up for these matches.

IDPA Match: Saturday, April 16

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Multigun Match: Saturday, April 23

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, 24

CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO PIT 2 AND LIGHTS INSTALLED IN PIT 4

LED lights have been installed in Pit 4, providing extended options for matches. Pit two is being renovated by removing the old, badly deteriorated and rarely used baffled bays and re-configuring the space into two larger bays with improved safety and drainage for matches and members' use.

Rifle

[200 Yard Group Match: Sunday, April 24](#)

[ABRA Matches: Sunday, April 10; Wednesday April 27](#)

Shotgun (Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays)

For more information on events or sports at Shotgun, call the Shotgun Office/Clubhouse at 859-858-4458 or email bluegrassshotgun100@gmail.com.

[ATA\(Amateur Trapshooting Association\)](#)

ATA Shoot: Sunday, April 24

[Link to 2022 ATA Shoots at BGSL flyer.](#)

[NSCA](#)

'Spring Fever Clays' Shoot: April 1-3

[Link to all 2022 NSCA Shoots at BGSL](#) on Score Chaser.

Renovations to Trap and Skeet Completed

There are now six functional trap fields, two completely renovated skeet fields, and new LED lighting where it wasn't before. The renovations to trap, skeet and field lighting came from grants and donations to the Jessamine County Trap Team by MidwayUSA, BGSLe, the Shotgun division as well as local businesses and private individuals. The grant application was successfully pursued by JCHS Trap and Skeet assistant coach Brandon Ironmonger.

High School Trap & Skeet Teams/UK Shotgun

The Spring Trap League will start competitive shooting in April, as will the Spring Skeet Leagues. Several area high schools are taking advantage of BGSL Shotgun Division's newly renovated trap and skeet facilities to participate, with around a hundred students every Thursday evening for the spring season. The UK Shotgun team also practices all disciplines at BGSL on Thursday nights.

Come out and see how well the younger generations can shoot!

Online Resources

Keep Up with BGSL Online

You can see all the resources available for use by members and how to access each by reading the [Guide to BGSL Website and Other Online Resources](#).

See It All at Once & Print It Out. Download this: [Printable PDF copy of this month's schedule](#) . Remember to check with the official [BGSL website calendar](#) for additional detail, updates and additions. If you are interested in a certain match or have a question, check with one of the division's members or send email to secretary@bgsline.com.

