



BGSL in August 2022

This August at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League will be heating up in more ways than one, although we hope the high temperatures we saw in July are over for the most part: All the normally scheduled matches and events are still in full summer swing, the return to school means school teams will be back at BGSL for practices, and the preparations for the Fall hunting seasons will be well under way by the end of the month. Whatever it is you enjoy doing at BGSL, this is the time to take advantage of the last full month of this summer at your club.

Note: this month's BLAST is significantly longer than usual. That is not a bad thing, because it means there are probably more things that might interest you, so don't be intimidated by the length, and at least "skim the headlines"!

BGSL General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2, at 7PM. Come on down to your clubhouse, catch up on club business, and fellowship over a meal with your fellow members. If you are interested in your club, don't miss this monthly opportunity to express your views and ask questions.

Nominations Accepted in Writing for BGSL Elections

Starting at the August General Membership Meeting, the floor will be opened to nominations for BGSL Officers and the three Director-at-Large positions in advance of the September elections. Nominations will also be accepted at the September Meeting before the elections. If you prefer, you can submit your nominations by email to: Burton Wright, BGSL Secretary, secretary@bgsllinc.com, or to Brenda Wayne, brenda.wayne@bgsllinc.com, in the office. Finally, nominations can be submitted in writing by bringing them to the office or mailing them to:

The Blue Grass Sportsmen's League

ATTN: Nominations

2500 Handy's Bend Road

Wilmore, KY 40390-8029

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](#) typically in

the afternoon Wednesdays through Saturdays, with longer hours now that DST is in effect but with occasional adjustments applied to compensate for match usage that conflicts with the typical schedule. 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.

Member Dove Hunt

With the recent rain, the 5-acre dove field that was planted in May is doing extremely well, with a "secret formula" that is almost guaranteed to attract doves for BGSL members to hunt come September. **If you are interested, don't forget to get your BGSL Small Game Permit and complete your required Hunter Orientation Class in advance of Dove Season Opening. All state and BGSL hunting regulations apply to hunting at the club.** Contact [Don Smallwood](#) for information on dove hunting or hunting in general at BGSL.

Hunter Orientations in August

There will be three hunter orientation classes in August. These are scheduled to allow participation in the Member Dove Hunt, but they are valid for all hunting at BGSL, not just the Dove Hunt.

- Thursday, August 11th @ 7:00 PM
- Saturday, August 13th @ 9:00 AM
- Saturday, August 27th @ 9:00 AM

Contact [Don Smallwood](#) for information on hunting orientations.

A Note on Shot and Shotguns Allowed at Shotgun

These rules apply to all ranges at Shotgun (including pattern area):

- ALL Shot must be **lead only and no larger than #7.5; NO Buckshot or Slugs or non-conventional loads.** Any use of shot outside what is specified above is not allowed and that is not negotiable.
- **All Shotguns must be of the sporting type only; NO TACTICAL Shotguns.** The Shotgun Manager has the final say in determining whether a shotgun meets the requirements for safe use on the shotgun ranges, but as a guideline tactical shotguns typically have at least one of the following characteristics: short overall length, pistol grip, extended magazine and/or magazine capacity. Tactical Shotguns are not suitable for any of the clay sports and introduce unacceptable safety hazards.

Shotguns and Shot Outside Shotgun

Tactical Shotguns, slugs and other loads not allowed at Shotgun may be used in the pits with proper qualification (Pit Pass) following the restrictions noted in the [Practical Shooting Pit Rules](#). Spent shells are a particularly colorful eyesore if left on the ground, so please pick them up and dispose of them properly when you are done!

Slugs may be used at any time at GP in the 100 yard section, e.g. to sight in a gun for deer season, and slugs are also allowed on the 300 yard range for members with

Advanced Rifle certification when the range is open if additional distance is required.

If you want to pattern non-lead shot, e.g. for water fowl, or shot larger than 7.5, e.g. for Turkey hunting, it is best to set up a time to do so a couple of days in advance by contacting [Operations Manager Ben Riffell](#).

BGSL Training Certified Instructors

[Brian King/PRS Training Solutions](#) (link to instructor page with contact information, etc.) is BGSL's most recently certified member instructor, and he offers a wide range of opportunities to train in pistol, rifle and shotgun. Brian has brought brought the Carbine Skills Drills back to BGSL with an intermediate level [Carbine Skills Drills](#) class on **Saturday, August 6**. Brian will also offer introductory Trap and Skeet classes in August. [Link to list of Brian's August classes](#).

[Natalie Bohon](#) (link to instructor page with contact information, etc.): Natalie continues to be available for private or small group lessons, and she will be available more on the weekends than she has been in the past. . Natalie will offer several classes in August, including Defensive Shooting Fundamentals, CCDW, and Women's Handgun and Self Defense . [Link to current list of Natalie's August Classes](#).

[Timothy Johnson](#) (link to instructor page with contact information, etc.) focuses 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.

Other Training Opportunities at BGSL

[Frontier Defense](#) offers some classes at BGSL. [Frontier Defense class listings \(incl. BGSL\) and sign-ups](#).

[BGSL Youth Committee](#)

The plans for August are still under development, but will be updated in a future BLAST when finalized. Meanwhile, contact Nelson Bottoms at youth@bgsline.com for general information about Youth Activities at BGSL. Also, Nelson has set up a private Facebook group for interested parents -- get in touch with him for more details.

[Hunter Education Class -- Saturday, August 27](#)

There will be a hunter education/bow hunter class at BGSL Saturday, August 27, from 8am-5pm. This class has reached its registration limit, but interested members are encouraged to use the option on the registration page (linked above) to send a message to the instructor, BGSL member Rafaelito Fraden, to let him know of your interest if space should become available .

Lexington Chapter of [A Girl & A Gun](#)

BGSL is the home range of the Lexington Chapter (one of only two in the state) of [A Girl & A Gun](#) facilitated by BGSL member and training instructor Natalie Bohon, and the first meeting at BGSL is scheduled for **Sunday, August 21, 1-4pm**. This organization gives women shooters at all levels a chance to socialize, receive classroom instruction, and shoot together regularly, and it will offer women a chance to try the wide range of shooting sports and facilities offered at BGSL, as the organization is not limited to only one type of shooting. [Contact Natalie for more details](#).

Camping at BGS�

BGS� offers primitive campsites, campsites with full RV hookups, and campsites with limited power and water. Call the BGS� Office at 859-858-4060 to reserve a spot.

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.

BGS� Dues Effective August 7, 2022

The second of four 5% annual "cost of living" increases approved by the membership in 2020 will take effect on August 7. These increases affect members a year from their last annual renewal (regardless of payment period). The rates for 2021-2022 are:

- Annual \$320 (Cash or Check)
- Semi-annual \$166.40
- Quarterly \$83.20
- Monthly \$27.80
- Life \$5440 (17x Annual)

Please address any questions you might have regarding this matter to secretary@bgslic.com

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

Contact archery@bgslic.com with any questions about using the targets available, for information about upcoming events, or to join the division.

Casting

The Jessamine County High School Bass Fishing Team will be using the Casting Ponds and Clubhouse for weekly practice and team meetings on Thursday nights throughout the school year.

If you would like information about the Casting Division or would like to use the Casting

Ponds, contact casting@bgsline.com.

Gun Dog

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

Muzzleloader

Bryan Station Open Table Match: Saturday, August 6

Monthly (4th Sunday) Open Shoot: Sunday, August 28

Contact muzzleloader@bgsline.com with any questions you have about about the division or its events.

NRL22

NRL22 Match: Sunday, August 21

Pistol

Contact pistol@bgsline.com for information about the Pistol Division.

REGULAR MATCHES

USPSA Match: Sunday, August 7

Registration via Practiscore is encouraged for these matches.

Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, August 13

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

IDPA: Saturday, August 27

For August only, IDPA is trading days with 3Gun. Remember that Practiscore is required to sign up for these matches.

3Gun Match: Saturday, August 20

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, August 28

Rifle

UBR 200/100 Yds. Score Match: Sunday, August 28

ABRA Matches: Sunday, August 7; Wednesday, August 24

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.*

Shotgun Hiring for ATA Shoots this Fall

The Shotgun division is looking for people to load traps, score, and perform other tasks related to running a trap shoot. If you have never scored trap, the division will teach you how ahead of the event. The dates of the the shoots are: **September 25, October 23, and November 13**. Use the phone number or email above to contact the Shotgun Manager, Mike Senters, if you are interested.

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: No ATA Shoots scheduled for August.

[NSCA](#)

'Bluegrass Clays Blasts' Shoot: August 20-21

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

JCHS and Other High School Trap Teams

These teams will resume Thursday night practices at BGS� soon after the school year begins. If your child attends middle or high school at one of the participating schools (Jessamine County MS/HS, Lexington Catholic, and Burgin plus possibly others), give them the chance to join the team, starting by contacting the Shotgun Office for general information about the teams that shoot at BGS�. If your child's school does not have a Trap team, consider starting one!

UK Shotgun Team

The UK Shotgun Teams will resume Thursday night practice at BGS� when school starts back up for them, too.

4H Teams

The Jessamine County 4H Trap Team practices at BGS� on Thursday nights during the summer.

Online Resources

Keep Up with BGS� Online

You can see all the resources available for use by members and how to access each by reading the [Guide to BGS� 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 [BGS� 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@bgslic.com.

Help Us Make BGS� Even Better for You. Everyone hates surveys, but if you have been a member for a year or more by completing [this very short \(2 minutes, estimated\), anonymous survey](#) once every year, you will let the leadership of the club know what your priorities and interests are and how to help you and your fellow members get the most out of your memberships. Let us know how you feel about BGS� and what you have been doing at your club.



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