



BGSL in September 2022

September will mark the end of another summer at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League, and that change to fall holds the promise of more pleasant weather for being outdoors shooting, fishing, hiking, camping, hunting and the list goes on. If you haven't been using the club as much as you would like due to the summer heat, change your attitude for the better, too, and take advantage of one of the best times of the year at your club.

September General Meeting & Elections

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, at 7PM. The only business conducted at this meeting will be the election of officers and directors at large. Division vice presidents are expected to attend and to act as tellers for the elections. Members should come and have their votes counted. As always, there will be a meal served and plenty of time to fellowship with other members, and since elections are always the best attended meeting of the year, it could be a chance to see friends you don't run across very often or make new new ones.

Other Items of Interest

4H State Shooting Sports Competition at BGSL September 10

This is a big event spanning several ranges at BGSL on the 10th, and there will be set up going on in some locations Friday, September 9, as well. Given the importance of this event to BGSL's goal of fostering youth shooting sports and the fact that it will have a major impact on members' use of facilities, traffic patterns, etc. for a couple of days, a separate BLAST will be sent later with a reminder about the event and more specific details about the impact.

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.

Hunting Season Safety

Dove Season opened September 1st, as did Archery Deer Season. Please be aware that these activities are going on, and exercise both caution and consideration when you intend to go into areas that are used for deer hunting or areas near the dove field. Remember to check the map of hunter check ins in the entry hall of the clubhouse before going any place other than the division main areas, ranges and pits. If a hunter is present in the area you intend to go, select another area. If the area of the map is clear, it is safe for you to proceed, but you should place a marker with your contact information and activity on the board and remove it before leaving the club.

Hunter Orientations

There are a couple of Hunter Orientations left this year, and if you want to hunt at BGSL, you need to attend one of them. These are held at the Youth Lodge, not the main clubhouse.

- Saturday, October 1st @ 10:00 AM
- Saturday, October 29th @ 10:00 AM

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

BGSL Training Certified Instructors

[Brian King/PRS Training Solutions](#) (link to instructor page with contact information, etc.) offers a wide range of opportunities to train in pistol, rifle and shotgun through classes or private lessons. Brian is continuing the Intermediate Carbine Skills Drills with a new mix of skills each month. [Link to list of Brian's September 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. For September, Natalie is offering CCDW and Fundamentals of Defensive Shooting, as well as offering multiple dates of Women's Pistol Part 1 at a significant discount for A Girl & A Gun members. [Link to current list of Natalie's September 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.

[BGSL Youth Committee](#)

The plans for September 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.

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

Natalie has decided that the next chapter meeting with a range session will be in October and has designated this month as "Gun Safety September" in order to give everyone a chance to achieve the baseline requirements for safe gun handling necessary to enjoy the range sessions after the chapter meetings. There are several

ways to fulfill this requirement, so if you want to shoot after the chapter meetings, you should ask Natalie for guidance on what options are available. [Contact Natalie for any matters related to A Girl & A Gun.](#)

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.

Fishing at BGS�

The fishing pond has been stocked on a regular basis this year, including some larger catfish. As the temperatures cool, the fishing should be pretty good. Remember to follow all state fishing regulation (e.g. licenses) and that all species except for catfish are catch-and-release. For catfish, you may keep up to 2 a day per membership.

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

Contact archery@bgsllnc.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. Also, if you would like to try some casting practice the division has provided rods near the casting shed with the appropriate casting plugs so that members can use them. If you would like information about the Casting Division or would like to use the Casting Ponds, contact casting@bgsllnc.com.

Gun Dog

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

division.

Muzzleloader

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

Bryan Station Open Table Match: Saturday, September 17

Monthly (4th Sunday) Open Shoot: Sunday, September 25

NRL22

NRL22 Match: Sunday, September 18

Pistol

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

USPSA Match: Sunday, September 4 : MATCH WAS CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER

Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, September 10

Practisore is required to sign up for these matches.

IDPA: Saturday, September 17

Practisore is required to sign up for these matches.

3Gun Match: No BGS� 3Gun in September

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, September 25

Rifle

UBR 200/100 Yds. Score Match: Sunday, September 25

ABRA Matches: Sunday, September 11 (State Tournament); Wednesday, September 28

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.*

Hired Help and Volunteers

Shotgun is almost always in need of volunteers (e.g. for the Big Blue Cancer Blast) and hired help for shoots (e.g. Fall ATA matches and corporate shoots) -- contact Mike Senters with the phone or email above to see what he needs if you are interested.

Recruiting for a Skeet Class, October 8

Skeet Level One Instructor and Skeet Referee Nick Harwood will be holding a two hour Skeet class on October 8. The cost is \$125. If you are interested, contact the organizer, Douglas Donald, by email at dougdon@donaldandco.com or call him at 859-552-8902.

Big Blue Cancer Blast: Monday, September 19

Fall 5 Stand Weekly Combo League: Thursday Evenings September 1 – October 6

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: September 25

NSCA

'Patriot Clays' Shoot: September 3-5

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

JCHS and Other High School Trap Teams

These teams 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 practice Thursday nights at BGS� as well.

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.



[Unsubscribe](#)

2500 Handy's Bend Road

Wilmore, KY 40390-8029

859-858-4060