



BGSL in October 2022

October at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League is always beautiful, and even if a few mornings might be chillier than we are used to, the days will almost always warm up pretty quickly. There is time in October for some big matches and to prepare for modern deer season (opens in November), but there is also time to enjoy the scenery as the leaves start to change in earnest and to spend time with fellow members, family, and friends. So, even if October is the month of Halloween spookiness, don't be afraid take advantage of your club!

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, at 7PM. Come on down to your club and find out what is going on, ask questions of the officers, voice your opinions or concerns, or simply fellowship with other members over the meal following the meeting.

Other Items of Interest

Check Calendar for Rifle Range Regularly

At this time, the 300 Yard Rifle Range is regularly 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 while 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.

Current Hunting Seasons and Member Safety Precautions

Dove Season opened September 1st, and has been successful for BGSL dove hunters, with 360 birds recovered so far; the early season will run through October 26. Archery Deer Season also opened on September 1st, with 4 deer harvested. Fall Squirrel Season opened on August 15 and will run through November 11.

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 or squirrel 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 this year, 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 Member Instructors

NOTE: *The instructors listed in this section are all BGSL members and are certified by the BGSL Training Committee.*

[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. In addition to the Carbine class, Brian will also offer an Intro to Trap class in October: [Link to list of Brian's October 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 October, Natalie will offer classes in Defensive Shooting Fundamentals and Women's Pistol: [Link to current list of Natalie's October 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 **Youth Deer Hunt Weekend** will happen on October 8-9. Contact Nelson Bottoms at youth@bgslinc.com for more information about the hunt or 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](#)

There is a [Cowgirl Action Shooting Match](#) planned for A Girl & A Gun members on Sunday, October 9th and a [Chapter meeting with range session](#) on Sunday, October 30. [Contact Natalie for any matters related to A Girl & A Gun.](#)

[Camping at BGSL](#)

BGSL offers primitive campsites, campsites with full RV hookups, and campsites with

limited power and water. Call the BGSL Office at 859-858-4060 to reserve a spot.

Fishing at BGSL

The fishing pond has been stocked on a regular basis this year, including some larger catfish. As the temperatures continue to cool, the fishing should improve further. 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@bgslinc.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. For information about the Casting Division or about using the Casting Ponds, contact casting@bgslinc.com.

[Gun Dog](#)

Contact gundog@bgslinc.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, October 8

Monthly (4th Sunday) Open Shoot: Sunday, October 23

NRL22

NRL22 Match: Sunday, October 16

Pistol

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

USPSA Match: Sunday, October 2

Practisore is strongly encouraged to sign up for these matches.

Steel Challenge Match: None for October, due to KY State Steel Challenge

IDPA: None for October, due to GSSF ("Glock") Match

3Gun Match: Saturday, October 22

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, October 23

SPECIAL MATCHES

KY Steel Challenge State Championship: October 7-8

Bluegrass Regional Classic XXIV ("Glock") Match: October 15-16

Contact Glock Match Director

Rifle

UBR 200/100 Yds. Score Match: No more UBR shoots are scheduled for 2022

ABRA Matches: Sunday, October 9; Wednesday, October 26

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.*

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.

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

Fundraiser Buddy Shoot & Specialty Lunch: Saturday, October 22

Note: This shoot was originally scheduled for Oct. 1, but moved due to potential of heavy rains forecast.

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: October 23

[NSCA](#)

['DU Lake Cumberland Iron Duck' Shoot: October 15-16](#)

['Day/Night Ops' Shoot: October 29-30](#)

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

JCHS and Other High School Trap Teams

These teams resumed Thursday night practices at BGS�, and Fall League Competition is already under way.

UK Shotgun Team

The UK Shotgun Teams 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.



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