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## BGSL in January 2023

Happy New Year to all the members of the Bluegrass Sportsmen's League: May you and all your families prosper. We got at least some of the cold weather out of the way a little early in December, but we all also probably are both refreshed and exhausted by the holiday season and need to ease into the new year gently, so though January does have several regular matches and leagues going on, as in other months, some divisions and specific matches/shoots are taking a Winter Break. Do not hibernate as an individual, though: take advantage of every "nice" day you can to get out to your club. Some folks find the landscape in winter a bit bleak, but you may see it differently if you learn to look for the more subtle ranges of colors that dominate, interrupted pleasantly by the occasional splash of vivid color, which will stand out all the more.

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### General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 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 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**

There is less hunting going on in January than previous months, but there will still be some activity. 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 hunting. 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.

### **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.

[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.

[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](#)**

Contact Nelson Bottoms at [youth@bgsline.com](mailto:youth@bgsline.com) for 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](#)**

**[Contact Natalie Bohon for all matters related to A Girl & A Gun.](#)**

### **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.

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## **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@bgsline.com](mailto:archery@bgsline.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@bgsline.com](mailto:casting@bgsline.com).

## Gun Dog

Contact [gundog@bgsline.com](mailto:gundog@bgsline.com) for information on division events or to join the division. Gun Dog is having a fundraiser Tower Shoot (Pheasant) on the 14th, \$150 including lunch. The shoot filled to capacity (20) quickly after it was announced in a BLAST, but you might want to check with Gun Dog to see if any slots have opened up since, if you are interested.

## Muzzleloader

Contact [muzzleloader@bgsline.com](mailto:muzzleloader@bgsline.com) with any questions you have about about the division or its events. **Regular shoots will resume in March.**

## NRL22

**NRL22 Match: Sunday, January 15**

## Pistol

Contact [pistol@bgsline.com](mailto:pistol@bgsline.com) for information about the Pistol Division.

### **MONTHLY MATCHES**

**USPSA Match: Sunday, January 8 (2nd Sunday this month)**

*Practiscore is strongly encouraged to sign up for these matches.*

**Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, January 14**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**IDPA: Saturday, January 21**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**3Gun Match: Saturday, January 28 (Tentative)**

**Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, January 22**

## Rifle

**UBR 200/100 Yds. Score Match: matches will resume in the spring**

**ABRA Matches: matches will resume in the spring**

## 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](mailto:bluegrassshotgun100@gmail.com).

**Winter 5 Stand ('Cold War') League:** Thursday Evenings from Jan. 12 to Mar. 2

### ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

**ATA Shoot:** ATA Shoots will resume in the spring.

### NSCA

NSCA Shoots will resume in the spring.

**Link to all scheduled upcoming NSCA Shoots at BGS**L on Score Chaser.

### **UK Shotgun Team**

The UK Shotgun Teams practice Thursday nights at BGS

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## Online Resources

### **Keep Up with BGS**L Online

You can see all the resources available for use by members and how to access each by reading the [Guide to BGS](#)L 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](#)L 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](mailto:secretary@bgsline.com).

**Help Us Make BGS**L 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



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