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BGSL in February 2023

It may be the shortest month, but February at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League never shorts its members in terms of activities. In fact, one of the biggest events of the year, the Heart Break Run & Gun, comes up this month, and though some divisions hibernate briefly, others proceed full-tilt through all but the worst conditions. Add to that, February usually balances vicious cold with delightfully mild weather, so you don't have to wait until spring to enjoy your club. Don't waste those opportunities!

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 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.

Passing Away of Member John Burke

John, an avid sportsman and hunter, was a 60 + year member of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League serving as President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director. [John's obituary and details of his Celebration of Life, February 5th.](#)

Hunter Education at BGSL: March 25, August 5, & August 26

These fill up quickly, so if you have a need for hunter education, sign up soon. Clicking on the link below will take you to the class registration information. There will also be classes on August 5, and August 26:

- March 25: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/192778>
- August 5: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/192779>
- August 26: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/192797>

If you find the date you want is full, contact the instructor (via the registration page), as, being a member himself, he tries his best to fit in all the BGSL members he can.

Donations Welcome for 2023 Dove Field Preparation

For those of you who enjoyed the 2022 dove hunting opportunity at BGSL, which was the first in many years, or for those of you who couldn't take advantage of it for some reason but wanted to, the Farm and Hunting committees are planning an even better experience this year, but funds are limited for chemicals and seeds, so you can help them help you with a donation. Please mark any donations for this purpose with "For 2023 Dove Fields" and mail them to the main office or bring them in in person.

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 offering an Intro to Carbine class on February 19, so you can participate in intermediate Carbine Classes through the warmer months: <https://bgslic.com/intro-to-carbine-class/>

[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@bgslic.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.

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 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.

[Gun Dog](#)

Contact gundog@bgsline.com for information on division events or to join the division. The division had a very successful Pheasant Hunt in January.

[Muzzleloader](#)

Contact 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, February 12

[Pistol](#)

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

[USPSA Match](#): Sunday, February 5

Practisore is strongly encouraged to sign up for these matches.

[Steel Challenge Match](#): Saturday, February 11

Practisore registration required for this match.

[IDPA](#): Saturday, February 18

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: No 3Gun in February, due to the Heartbreak Run & Gun

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

SPECIAL MATCHES

Heartbreak Run 'n' Gun: Saturday, February 25

This event, always for a good cause, sold out minutes after registration went on line, as usual. You will be able to see parts of the event taking place all over the club, so be on the lookout for runners when you are driving at the club and enjoy the show.

Rifle

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

ABRA Matches: matches will resume in the spring

Note: UBR and ABRA schedules for 2023 are published on the Rifle page now.

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.

Winter 5 Stand ('Cold War') League: Thursday Evenings started Jan. 12 and runs 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 BGSL on Score Chaser.

UK Shotgun Team

The UK Shotgun Teams practice Thursday nights at BGSL.

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.

Help Us Make BGSL 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 BGSJ and what you have been doing at your club.



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