



BGSL in March 2023

As this BLAST is being written, the winds are bringing March in "like a lion" to the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League, but March is the month that brings the beginning of spring with new life and a more active resumption of activities as the weather, we hope, warms progressively and March goes out "like a lamb". Don't miss the chance to do your favorite activities for the first time this year at your club if you have been hibernating and don't forget to enjoy the visual pleasures of new growth, subtle at first, but rapidly advancing as spring progresses.

General Membership Meeting

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

RSO Classes -- Express your Interest

BGSL always needs RSOs to work GP and Adv. Rifle Range. There is a class on 3/4 that is already closed, but if you are interested in future RSO classes and will be willing to give your time to help BGSL in one of its primary missions, give the office a call at **859-858-4060** to register your interest and be put on the list for upcoming opportunities.

Spring Turkey Lottery -- Tickets Available Soon

Tickets for the Spring Turkey Lottery will be available starting at the March General Membership Meeting through the April General Membership Meeting at which point the drawing will be held. You do not have to be present at the drawing to be eligible, but you do need to buy a ticket or tickets to have a chance at winning. Tickets are \$10 each or 10 for \$80.

Hunter Education at BGS�: 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 BGS� member himself, he tries his best to fit in all the BGS� members he can.

BGS� Training Certified Member Instructors

NOTE: *The instructors listed in this section are all BGS� members and are certified by the BGS� 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. Also, Brian wanted to give everyone a head up that the Intermediate Carbine Skills Drills Series will be restarting April 1, so stay on the lookout for that if you are interested.

[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 is also offering a [CCDW Class on Friday, March 24](#).

[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.

[BGS� Youth Committee](#)

Nelson is planning a **Cookout and Archery Fun Day for Saturday, March 25, 12-4pm at the Youth Lodge**. Contact Nelson Bottoms at youth@bgslic.com for information about Youth Activities at BGS�. 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](#) at BGS�

Natalie has a [Basic class to prepare AGAG members and potential members to participate in the Chapter shooting sessions](#) on Saturday, March 4, and a [Chapter Meeting](#) scheduled for Sunday, March 19. [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, the Bass Club will have a Fish-Fry Fundraiser **May 5**. We don't have all the details at this time, but if you call the office at 859-858-4060, they will either give you more details as they get them or put you in touch with coaching staff.

As always, 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 the division and its events or to join the division.

[Muzzleloader](#)

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

Bryan Station Open ("Silver") Table Match: Saturday, March 18

Monthly Open Match: Sunday, March 26

NRL22

NRL22 Match: Sunday, March 12

Pistol

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

USPSA Match: Sunday, March 5

Practiscore registration required for this match.

Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, March 11

Practiscore registration required for this match.

IDPA: Saturday, March 18

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: Saturday, March 25

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, March 26

Rifle

C/F Benchrest: Group Match - 2 Aggs at 200 yds --Sunday, March 26

ABRA Matches: matches will resume in April

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: Sunday, March 19

NSCA

'Daylight Savings Clays' Shoot: March 25-26

Link to all scheduled upcoming NSCA Shoots at BGSL on Score Chaser.

JCHS Trap Team and UK Shotgun Team

The JCHS Trap Team should begin practicing on Thursday nights again soon as the weather improves and season draws closer. 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 [BGSJ 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@bgsjinc.com.

Help Us Make BGSJ 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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