



## BGSL in May 2023

Spring will be in full swing at the the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League this month, so how will you get out and enjoy your club every chance you get with family and friends? As you will see below, there is a full card of organized shoots and other activities, the ranges will otherwise be open most days for recreational shooting, and the weather practically requires some consideration of camping, hiking, fishing and other outdoor activities. The only incorrect answer is "none of the above"!

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## General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 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

### **Driving on Handys Bend to BGSL**

Please use caution and be considerate of residents and other users of Handys Bend: there have been concerns received from people living on Handys Bend, some of them fellow members, about vehicles travelling at excessive speeds to the club, with some indicating that their tolerance for the problem is growing thin. Given the high shoulders and the narrowness of the road, these concerns are valid, and if we do not take responsibility for our driving, there will almost certainly be repercussions in terms of potentially more accidents and almost certainly more speeding tickets. Considering that Handys Bend is our only means of access and that a good relationship with the neighborhood is vastly preferable to the alternative, spending one or two extra minutes to get to the club is not a lot to ask.

### **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.

### **Spring Turkey Hunting**

Winners for the BGSL Spring Turkey Hunt were drawn at the April General Meeting, and the season runs through the first week of May.

### **Storm Cleanup**

A settlement on the two barns "totaled" by wind damage in early march has been reached, and we are free to begin clean up of them. Divisions will be given first priority to salvage materials for division use, and -- depending on the method of cleanup -- we expect to give members safe access to salvaged materials as well. We will announce any such opportunity in a separate email BLAST later, so please wait for that and do not wade into the wreckage!

### **Dove Fields Planted**

The Dove Field(s) are under way for the 2023 Dove Hunting Season later in the year and were planted and sprayed last week prior to the rain.

### **Bath House Open**

With the threat of deep freezes now past (we hope!), the water to the Bath House has been turned on for the warmer months.

### **RSO Classes -- Express your Interest**

BGSL always needs RSOs to work GP and Adv. Rifle Range. 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.

### **Upcoming Hunter Education at BGSL: 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.

- 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), who, being a BGSL member himself, tries his best to fit in all the BGSL members he can.

### **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. For May, Brian is offering an [Intro to Trap class on May 7](#) and an [Intro to Skeet Class on May 23](#). Also, the [Intermediate Carbine Skills Drills class will resume in June \(Saturday, June 3\)](#), so sign up now to get a spot.

[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 May, Natalie is planning to offer "Womens' Handgun and Self-Defense" on the evening of May 26. Signup will be available soon for this class and any other upcoming classes at:  
<https://training.usconcealedcarry.com/instructor/fd7d151a-7538-11ec-b14b-02420a00014c>.

[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 Committee will host an Archery Shoot and Cookout Saturday, May 20, 11am-2pm. 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](#) at BGSL**

There will be a chapter meeting on Sunday, May 21, from 1-4pm.

[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](#)**

Casting will host the Kentucky Open Casting Tournament on Sunday, May 21.

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, but the Fish Fry scheduled for May 7 has been canceled.

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@bgslinc.com](mailto:casting@bgslinc.com).

## Gun Dog

Contact [gundog@bgslinc.com](mailto:gundog@bgslinc.com) for information on the division and its events or to join the division.

## Muzzeloder

Contact [muzzleloader@bgslinc.com](mailto:muzzleloader@bgslinc.com) with any questions you have about the division or its events.

**Bryan Station Open ("Silver") Table Match: Saturday, May 20**

**Monthly Open Match: Sunday, May 28**

## NRL22

**NRL22 Match: Sunday, May 21**

## Pistol

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

### **MONTHLY MATCHES**

**USPSA Match:** No 1st Sunday match in May, due to previous week's USPSA LoCap match.

**Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, May 13**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**IDPA: Saturday, May 20**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**3Gun Match: Saturday, May 27**

**Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, May 21**

### **Special Matches**

**GSSF Practice Match/RO Orientation (see also below): Sunday, May 28**

***A Note from the Match Director about the GSSF Match at BGSL in October:***

*SAVE THE DATE! BGSL will be hosting the 25th annual Bluegrass Regional Classic GSSF match October 13th - 15th. To celebrate our 25th year we will be selling match shirts, having a silent auction, and we'll have food available all weekend. Glock will give away lots of great prizes, including firearms, cash, GSSF memberships, and more.*

*GSSF practice matches and RO orientation will be May 28th and July 9th in Pit 2. We will be set up from 10am - 2pm, and you can drop in anytime during these hours to*

shoot the 3 stage match. Please pre-register on PractiScore for as many divisions as you'd like.

Sign up on PractiScore- <https://practiscore.com/bgsl-gssf-may-practice/register>

If you're interested in ROing, contact Tom Mansfield.

Match sign up - [https://user.gssf.pro/login?](https://user.gssf.pro/login?returnUrl=%2Fhome%2FmatchRegistration%2Fsignup%3FmatchName%3DBluegrass%2520Regional%2520Classic%2520)

[returnUrl=%2Fhome%2FmatchRegistration%2Fsignup%3FmatchName%3DBluegrass%2520Regional%2520Classic%2520](https://user.gssf.pro/login?returnUrl=%2Fhome%2FmatchRegistration%2Fsignup%3FmatchName%3DBluegrass%2520Regional%2520Classic%2520)

Shirt orders -

<http://www.memberplanet.com/events/bgslpistoldivision/25thannualbluegrassregionalclassicgssfmach>

Contact Tom Mansfield, match director, for more information [timgssf@gmail.com](mailto:timgssf@gmail.com)

## **Rifle**

**C/F Benchrest**: UBR 100/200 yds Score Match --Sunday, May 28

**ABRA Matches**: Sunday, May 7; Wednesday, May 24

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

**Blue Grass Skeet League**: Thursday Evenings started April 6 and runs to May 4

**ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)**

**ATA Shoot**: Sunday, May 21

## **NSCA**

**'Armed Forces Recognition Clays' Shoot**: May 27-28

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

**Rotary Club 'Clays for Education'**: Friday, May 12

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nicholasville, proceeds from this match support scholarships and educational programs.

**KY High School Sporting Clays Tournament**: Saturday, May 20

Consider putting together and supporting a team from your county if there are no organized shotgun sports teams in your area.

## **JCHS Trap Team and UK Shotgun Team**

JCHS, Burgin, and Lexington Catholic are shooting for practice and League competition at BGSL. On April 27, these three teams were joined by Scott County HS Trap Team for a tournament with 84 students participating.

The UK Shotgun Teams continue to practice Thursday nights at BGSL.

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## 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@bgsllnc.com](mailto:secretary@bgsllnc.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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