



BGSL in August 2023

August is the last full month of summer, so make the most of it at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League. Even the "Dog Days" can be fun if you take it easy, drink lots of water, and pop into the clubhouse for some ice and air conditioning between outdoor activities. There are plenty of matches to choose from in August, and camping, hiking, and fishing when you want to do something different either alone or preferably with family and friends.

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 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. Remember that the clubhouse is air conditioned these days and that (almost) every meal at the general meetings is prepared by a professional, so if you haven't been to a general meeting lately, there is no time like the present.

Other Items of Interest

Nominations Accepted in Writing for BGSL Elections

Starting at the August General Membership Meeting, the floor will be opened to nominations for BGSL Officers and the three Director-at-Large positions in advance of the September elections. Nominations will also be accepted at the September Meeting before the elections. If you prefer, you can submit your nominations by email to: Burton Wright, BGSL Secretary, secretary@bgsllinc.com, or to Brenda Wayne, brenda.wayne@bgsllinc.com, in the office. Finally, nominations can be submitted in writing by bringing them to the office or mailing them to:

The Blue Grass Sportsmen's League

ATTN: Nominations

2500 Handy's Bend Road

Wilmore, KY 40390-8029

Barn Demolition/Cleanup

The two barns (one at gate and hay barn at Y) that were "totaled" by wind are being demolished and cleaned up this week by a contractor. There may be some redirection or stopping of traffic for brief periods during this time both for the safety of the workers

and members alike, so be on the look out for that.

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.

Main Club Looking for Employee for Farm and Club Operations

The main club is looking for an employee to report directly to the Operations Manager and to assist him in farm and club operations. The position is potentially up to 40 hours a week. A separate BLAST email will be sent out soon with a more detailed job description and additional information.

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 are willing to give your time to help BGSL in one of our primary missions, give the office a call at **859-858-4060** to register your interest and be put on the list for upcoming opportunities.

[Hunter Orientation Classes for 2023](#)

Participants that did not hunt at BGSL the previous year must attend the hunter orientation in person. This course must be attended/renewed annually. Sessions will be held in the Youth Lodge. Contact Don Smallwood at jdonsmallwood@gmail.com for details.

Dates for the 2023-2024 orientations:

- Saturday, May 6th @ 9:00 AM
- Thursday, August 3rd @ 7:00 PM
- Saturday, August 12th @ 9:00 AM
- Saturday, August 26th @ 9:00 AM
- Saturday, October 7th @ 10:00 AM
- Saturday, October 28th @ 10:00 AM

[Dove Hunting](#)

The 2023-24 dove season for Kentucky is: Sept. 1 - Oct. 26, Nov. 23 - Dec. 3, 2023 and Dec. 23, 2023 - Jan. 14, 2024. The fields are growing well and rumor has it there are some doves checking them out already, so make sure to get everything done in time for the opening. The price for dove hunting is simply to pay the small game fee (which is also valid for other small game) and to attend a [Hunter Orientation](#) if required. See [this link for more details](#) and contact Don Smallwood at jdonsmallwood@gmail.com with any questions about dove hunting at BGSL.

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's **Intermediate Carbine Skills Drills Classes** (**signup link for August class**) ***will be on the first Saturday of each month through October.***

For those who have not started Carbine Classes, Brian is offering an "**Intro to Carbine** (**link to signup**)" class on Tuesday, August 15, 5:30-8:30pm, and you can take it even if you do not have a rifle (yet) -- just let Brian know about that ahead of time. Contact Brian at **prstrainingsolutions@gmail.com**.

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. You can check out Natalie's current/upcoming classes here: **<https://training.usconcealedcarry.com/instructor/fd7d151a-7538-11ec-b14b-02420a00014c>** or contact her for a lesson at **natbo70@gmail.com**.

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

There will be a **Youth Archery Shoot and Cookout** with hot dogs on the grill **Saturday, August 19 from 9am to 12pm**. Contact Nelson Bottoms at **youth@bgslinc.com** for information about all 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

Natalie is planning an event at BGSL for A Girl & A Gun members on Saturday, August 26, from 1 to 4pm. **Contact Natalie Bohon for all matters related to A Girl & A Gun.**

State Hunter Education Classes at BGSL: August 5 & August 26

These fill up quickly, so if you have a need for hunter education, sign up soon. Clicking on a 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>**

Both dates appear to be full at this time, so **contact the instructor** regarding the date you want, as, being a BGSL member himself, he tries his best to fit in all the BGSL members he can.

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.

BGSL Dues Effective August 7, 2023

The third of four 5% annual "cost of living" increases approved by the membership in July of 2020 will take effect on August 7. These increases affect members a year from their last annual renewal (regardless of payment period). The rates for 2023-2024 are:

- Annual \$335(Cash or Check)/\$345.05(Credit Card)
- Semi-annual \$174.20
- Quarterly \$87.10
- Monthly \$29.00
- Life \$5695 (17x Annual, by cash or check)

Please address any questions you might have regarding this matter to secretary@bgslinc.com.

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](#)

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.

[Gun Dog](#)

Contact gundog@bgslinc.com for information on the division and its events or to join the division.

[Muzzeloder](#)

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

Bryan Station Open ("Silver") Table Match: None Scheduled for August
Monthly Open Match: Sunday, August 27

NRL22

NRL22 Match: Sunday, August 13

Pistol

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

USPSA Match: Sunday, August 6

Practiscore registration ([link](#)) required for this match.

Steel Challenge Match: August Monthly match replaced with [KY Steel Challenge State Championship](#)

IDPA: Wednesday, August 16

A Wednesday evening match for August instead of the regular Saturday Morning monthly shoot. Practiscore registration required for this match:

<https://practiscore.com/idpa-at-bgsline-saturday-august-19-2023/register>

3Gun Match: Saturday, August 26

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, August 27

SPECIAL MATCHES COMING SOON

KY Steel Challenge State Championship: August 11-12

Sign up now for the biggest Steel Challenge Match of the year in Kentucky.

2023 IDPA Kentucky Classic: September 2-3

Bluegrass Regional Classic XXV/GSSF(Glock) Match at BGSLine: October 13-15

Rifle

C/F Benchrest: UBR 100/200 yds Score Match --Sunday, August 27

ABRA Matches: Sunday, August 6; Wednesday, August 23

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

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.*

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: Sunday, August 6

NSCA

'KY State Warm Up' Shoot: August 12-13

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

Big Blue Cancer Blast

Coming Monday, **September 18**, so there is still time for you to get together a team and practice for one of the best charitable shoots around. If you love sporting clays and hate cancer, check it out: <https://www.bigbluecancerblast.com/>

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.

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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