



BGSL in October 2023

Don't be tricked into missing one of the best months of every year at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League. Treat yourself to some fine weather and fall color, and take advantage of the many chances to enjoy your favorite matches and other activities with friends and family, from hiking and hunting to the 25th annual Glock match at BGSL.

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 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. Remember that (almost) every meal at the general meetings these days 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

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.

Hunting

Archery Deer Season is in full swing, and there will be Youth Only Firearms Weekend the second weekend in October, as well as an early Muzzle loader season the following weekend. If you are not hunting, please be aware of the fact that others may be, and check the hunters' map at the clubhouse if you intend to go outside the established range areas. You might even consider putting up a marker on the map for yourself before going afield and taking it down before you leave the property to alert others of your presence.

Hiking Trails

The Palisades Overlook Trail (yellow markers -- 1 mile), VanMeter Trail (blue markers -- 1 mile), and the newer Meadow Trail (orange markers -- ~1.5 miles, but very gentle terrain) are freshly marked and have been gone through recently. If you are interested in using any or all of these trails but are not quite sure where the trail heads are, you can call or visit the office during normal business hours and get a handy reference map.

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.

Jessamine County Burn Ban

Jessamine County instated a burn ban on September 26th due to the extended dry weather, and it seems doubtful that it will be lifted soon based on the limited rainfall this week.

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.

Remaining dates for the 2023-2024 orientations are:

- 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. [Effective September 15th, hours for the rest of the season were modified as described in this link](#). Please aware when this activity is going on and exercise caution when using areas adjacent to the dove fields when hunters are active.

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. **The last [Intermediate Carbine Skills Drills Classes \(signup link for October class\)](#) scheduled for this year will be on the first Saturday in October (10/7).** Brian will also offer [Intro to Trap \(10/22\)](#) and [Intro to Skeet \(10/29\)](#) classes in October. Contact Brian at prstrainingsolutions@gmail.com.

Mark Sands offers 4 classes per year at BGSL, and his next class is scheduled for November 5. Contact Mark at marksands53@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

Contact Nelson Bottoms at youth@bgsline.com for information about all Youth Activities at BGSL, including the Youth Firearms Deer Hunting Weekend the second weekend of October.

Lexington Chapter of A Girl & A Gun at BGSL
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

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.

Muzzel loader

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

Monthly Open Match: Sunday, October 22

NRL22

NRL22 Match: Sunday, October 15

NRL22 Open Practice/Introduction: Sunday, October 29

Free to any members, 22lr only and \$10 for non members. Verify data, get some practice or test the waters before hitting a match.

Pistol

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

USPSA Match: Sunday, October 1

Practiscore registration required for this match.

Steel Challenge Match: Monthly Steel Challenge at BGSL cancelled for October due to GSSF Match

IDPA: Wednesday, October 21

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: Saturday, October 28

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

SPECIAL MATCHES

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

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.

For more information and contacts on the 25th annual Bluegrass Regional GSSF Match at BGSL, see the link above.

Rifle

C/F Benchrest: UBR 100/200 yds Score Match -- No more matches this year

ABRA Matches: Sunday, October 8; Wednesday, October 25

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.

In September, in addition to the very successful Big Blue Cancer BLAST fundraiser, shotgun hosted several corporate and fundraiser shoots.

[ATA\(Amateur Trapshooting Association\)](#)

ATA Shoot: No ATA at BGS� scheduled for October at this time

[NSCA](#)

'Ghost Clays and Night Ops' Shoot: October 28-29

[Link to all scheduled upcoming NSCA Shoots at BGS�](#) on Score Chaser.

[Fall Five Stand League](#) -- Thursday evenings, October 5 through November 9

High School Trap Teams & UK Shotgun Team at BGS�

High School Trap teams from the Jessamine Count High School team and the Lexington Catholic High School Team are practicing and participating in the Fall League at BGS� on Thursday nights this fall. The UK Shotgun Team also practices and participates in shooting activities at BGS�.

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@bgslic.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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