



BGSL in November 2023

November at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League is the time to be thankful for all the blessings that we enjoy at our club and a time to start looking forward to a holiday season that emphasizes goodwill and giving to others. Taking time to enjoy your club with friends and family make it easy to appreciate what you have and will prepare you well for that holiday season filled with goodwill and giving. You can do both simultaneously at one or all of the Pistol Division's Winter Wonderland Toy Drive Matches in November (see details under Pistol Division below) and you should be able to find plenty of other options for enjoying your club or giving to others as well in this newsletter.

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 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

Time Change Reminder

EST starts back on Nov. 5, so check the operating hours [here](#).

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 longer hours while DST is in effect but 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.

Additional Hours and Days at Rifle Ahead of Deer Season Opening

Hours and days (including Sundays) are being added to the advanced rifle schedule for sight in prior to Modern Firearm Deer Season. Look for these additions to the typical

schedule on the [BGSL website calendar](#).

Current Hunting Seasons and Member Safety Precautions

There will be several hunting seasons, including modern firearms for deer, in full swing in November (or parts of it), so please be aware that these activities are going on, and exercise both caution and consideration when you intend to go into areas that are used for hunting or areas near the dove field when in use. Remember to check the map of hunter check ins in the entry hall of the clubhouse before going any place other than the division main areas, ranges and pits. If a hunter is present in the area you intend to go, select another area. If the area of the map is clear, it is safe for you to proceed, but you should place a marker with your contact information and activity on the board and remove it before leaving the club.

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 like a challenge, try the River Trail. Be extra cautious and considerate on the trails during hunting season (see section above), especially mornings and evenings when hunters are most active, and it never hurts to wear bright colors or even orange when in the woods.

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.

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 will be offering an Intro to Skeet class on Sunday, November 26 (1-4pm); contact him for details.

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.

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 general information about Youth Activities at BGSLine.

Lexington Chapter of [A Girl & A Gun](#)

[Contact Natalie for any matters related to A Girl & A Gun.](#)

BGSLine Gift Cards

The Holidays are just around the corner, and a BGSLine membership is the perfect gift for the outdoor types on your list. Gift Certificates are available for new memberships, renewals, and rounds of trap, skeet and sporting clays. Call the office (859-858-4060) for details and options. Additionally, Gift cards for Shotgun sports are available directly from the Shotgun Office -- bluegrassshotgun100@gmail.com or call at (859)-858-4458.

Firewood Free for the Cutting to Members

Members can cut all the firewood they want for their personal use. You will need to sign a waiver and work in the areas indicated by the office, but there is no fee. Contact the Office at 859-858-4060.

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](#)

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.

Muzzel loader

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

Monthly (4th Sunday) Open Shoot: **Sunday, November 26**

NRL22

NRL22 Match: **A special double header (day and night matches) on Saturday, November 18 as part of the Pistol Division's Winter Wonderland Toy Drive Matches (see below).**

Pistol

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

Almost every match at Pistol Division and the NRL22 matches will be a special match for a great cause in November! Read more below.

2023 Blue Grass Sportsmen's League Winter Wonderland Toy Drive Matches!!

Blue Grass Sportsmen's League Pistol Division will be hosting 7 different Winter Wonderland Toy Drive Matches in November! We are doing things a little bit differently this year, and we are working with the KCH Child Life Department – Children's Hospital! The holidays are a difficult time to have a loved one in the hospital, especially if that loved one is a child. You can make the holidays special for children and families who are receiving care at Kentucky Children's Hospital by donating items through their registry. Items purchased from the KCH Wish List will be shipped directly to the hospital from the vendors.

The entry fee into each of the matches will be a gift or gifts purchased through the [KCH Wish List](#) totaling at least \$20. I know how generous you all are, and some people always go way above and beyond! All you need to do is bring a receipt of your purchase to the match, either printed or on your phone. **When you check out with your gift purchase, please write "BGSL" under the gift message!**

Registration links on Practiscore and specific info for all the matches in the next week will be posted separately to avoid the confusion of people registering for the wrong matches.

Here is the schedule of events:

- **USPSA** - Sunday, November 5th. Match starts at 10 AM Eastern
- **Steel Challenge** – Saturday, November 11th. Match starts at 10 AM Eastern
- **IDPA** – Saturday, November 18th. Match starts at 8 am Eastern
- **NRL22 Day Match (300 Yard Rifle Range)** – Saturday, November 18th. Sight-in starts at 11 AM Eastern, match starts at 12 PM (noon) Eastern
- **NRL22 Night Match (300 Yard Rifle Range)** – Saturday, November 18th. Sight in starts at 4 PM Eastern, match starts at 5 PM Eastern

- **2-Gun (Carbine/Pistol in Pistol Pits)** – Saturday, November 25th. Match starts at 12 PM (noon) Eastern
- **Night Match (Carbine/Pistol in Pistol Pits)** – Saturday, November 25th. Match starts at 6 PM Eastern.

Regular Matches

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, November 19 (moved from usual 4th Saturday to avoid Thanksgiving weekend).

Rifle

UBR 200/100 Yds. Score Match: No more UBR shoots are scheduled for 2022
ABRA Matches: Sunday, November 5

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.*

Fall Five Stand League -- Thursday evenings through November 9

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)
ATA Shoot: No more ATA Shoots at BGSL in 2023

NSCA

'Veterans Day Bluegrass (belt buckle) Championship' Shoot: November 11-12
Link to all remaining 2023 NSCA Shoots at BGSL on Score Chaser.

JCHS and Other High School Trap Teams

Fall League competition is complete, and Jessamine County High School trap team wound up at the top of their conference, with a couple of individuals in the top three positions for both male and female categories.

UK Shotgun Team

The UK Shotgun Teams practice Thursday nights at BGSL as well.

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@bgslinc.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 BGSL and what you have been doing at your club.



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