



BGSL in December 2023

Everyone looks forward to the Holidays, and they should, but there is no doubt a bit of pressure on everyone to make things perfect for friends and family as well. Fortunately, the Blue Grass Sportsman's League offers its members a place to retreat from the pressure a little while to enjoy and share the gift of the great outdoors with friends and family. Consider making your club a part of your holiday traditions, if you haven't already done so.

No matter where or how you celebrate the holidays, may the lives of all of you and your friends and families be merry and bright.

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 5, 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. There will be no General Membership Meeting in January, due to falling on the day after New Years. Meetings will resume in February, 2024.

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.

BGSL Gift Cards

The Holidays are just around the corner, and a BGSL 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 -- email bluegrassshotgun100@gmail.com or call at (859)-858-4458.

Donation to Jessamine County Fire Department Toy Drive

According to our tradition this time of year, the various divisions are donating a minimum of \$50 dollars each with matching funds from the president to the Jessamine County Fire Department's Toy Drive. Last year's donation was over \$700, and this year's will be substantially more than that. If you would like to add your contribution to the club's total, just call the office at 859-858-4060, and we will be happy to help.

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

The Pistol and NRL22 Toy Drive Matches held in November by the Pistol Division raised over \$5,000 for the UK Children's Hospital's Wish List Program. Even if you didn't shoot in any of those matches, you can still contribute to this worthwhile program by purchasing a gift at this link:

<https://www.myregistry.com/organization/kch-child-life-department-lexington-ky/2543512/giftlist>

Construction Projects on the Property

The new shop building is going up now in the same location as the old hay barn (near the "Y"). Construction started on November 27th and the exterior of the structure is expected to be complete within 2 weeks of the start date.

Also, construction of baffles at the 300Y rifle range will start Monday, December 4th, and the positions of posts for supporting the baffles have already been marked. The construction of the baffles is not expected to disrupt the normal rifle range hours (Wednesday through Saturday) for next week, but any closures that arise because of it will, of course, be noted on the calendar.

Current Hunting Seasons and Member Safety Precautions

Modern Deer Season is over, but Archery season is still open and there will be a Muzzleloader season in December. The second and third late Dove seasons are also open for part of December. 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 around the dove field. 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.

Mark Sands offers 4 classes per year at BGSL, and he completed a successful class recently on 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 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](#)

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

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.

Holiday Hours for 2023

The current schedule is as follows.

Christmas Eve (Sunday the 24th): GP will close early, at 4:00PM. Shotgun will be closed. The main office is not open on Sundays.

Christmas (Monday the 25th): GP, the main office and Shotgun will be closed for Christmas Day.

New Years Eve (Sunday the 31st): GP will be open with normal hours. Shotgun will be closed. The main office is not open on Sundays.

New Years Day: The main office and Shotgun will be closed (normally not open on Mondays, anyway). GP will be open.

The website calendar will be updated with any changes to this schedule if needed.

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](#)

The Gun Dog Division of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League is hosting a European style Pheasant Hunt on December 9, 2023. The hunt will start at 10 am. The cost is \$250.00 per hunter and includes coffee and donuts in the morning and a catered lunch in the afternoon. Division volunteers will also clean the birds for you to take home and enjoy. We will also have hats and shirts available for sale if you don't have enough hunting attire. There are just a few spaces left, so let the division know if you are interested. Contact gundog@bgsline.com for information on division events or to join the division.

[Muzzleloader](#)

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

No shoots are scheduled for December, January, or February. Monthly matches will resume in March next year.

NRL22

NRL22 Match: Sunday, December 10

Bonus Night Match: Saturday, December 30

Pistol

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

USPSA Match: Sunday, December 3

Practiscore registration required for this match.

Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, December 9

Practiscore registration required for this match.

IDPA: Saturday, December 16

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: No 3Gun for December

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, December 17 -- Note: moved from normal 4th Sunday

Rifle

UBR 200/100 Yds. Score Match: No more UBR shoots are scheduled for 2022

ABRA Matches: No more ABRA matches are scheduled for 2022

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.

Holiday 5 Stand/Sporting League: Started on November 30 and will continue each Thursday Evening through December 21

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: No more ATA shoots at BGSL this year

NSCA

NSCA 'Holiday Clays' Shoot: December 2-3

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

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 [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@bgsline.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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