



## BGSL in January 2024

Happy New Year to all the members of the Bluegrass Sportsmen's League: May you and all your families, friends, and enterprises prosper. There will be some slow down of activities at the club in January, with some divisions taking a winter break, but other divisions will have a full set of matches, and all of the ranges and outdoor areas will be open for your use as usual. Take advantage of nice days whenever you can to enjoy the outdoors at your club and work off some of the inevitable side effects of holiday merriment.

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## General Membership Meeting

The General Membership meeting for January has been cancelled due to falling on the day after New Years day. The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 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.

### 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"). The exterior of the structure is nearly complete, further work will be completed after concrete work. Prep work for concrete is complete and the pouring and finish work is expected to start the first week of the year.

Also, construction of baffles on the 300Y rifle range is structurally complete, and though some minor modifications and improvements may still be in the works, they are not

expected to interfere with the current Wednesday to Saturday hours for the range.

### **BGSL Gift Cards**

The Holidays are coming to an end, but a BGSL membership is still the perfect gift on any occasion for the outdoor types on your list. Gift Certificates are available year round 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](mailto:bluegrassshotgun100@gmail.com) or call at (859)-858-4458.

### **Donations to Nicholasville Fire Department Toy Drive**

In the December Blast, the Toy Drive was incorrectly attributed to the Jessamine County Fire Department, instead of the Nicholasville Fire Department. Fortunately, this issue came to our attention due to interest from members in contributing, and our office staff knew the correct organization. Thanks to everyone from BGSL who participated despite the mix-up, and to the Nicholasville Fire Department who organizes the Toy drive for the whole county every year!

### **Current Hunting Seasons and Member Safety Precautions**

There is less hunting going on in January than previous months, but there will still be some activity. 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. 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**

You can get trail maps with descriptions in JPEG format on the website page linked to this header. 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.

### **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.

### **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. Contact Mark at [marksands53@gmail.com](mailto: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@bgsllinc.com](mailto:youth@bgsllinc.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 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@bgsllinc.com](mailto:archery@bgsllinc.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](mailto:casting@bgsline.com).

## Gun Dog

The Gun Dog division held their annual pheasant shoot in December, and it appears to have been a successful hunt and fun for all involved. Contact [gundog@bgsline.com](mailto:gundog@bgsline.com) for information on division events or to join the division.

## Muzzel loader

Contact [muzzleloader@bgsline.com](mailto:muzzleloader@bgsline.com) with any questions you have about the division or its events. **Regular shoots will resume in March.**

## NRL22

**NRL22 Match: Sunday, January 21**

## Pistol

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

### **MONTHLY MATCHES**

**USPSA Match: Sunday, January 7**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

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

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**IDPA: Saturday, January 20**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

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

**Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, January 28**

### **OTHER**

**USPSA NROI Seminar -- RO Course: January 20-21**

## Rifle

**UBR 200/100 Yds. Score Match: matches will resume in the spring**

**ABRA Matches: matches will resume in the spring**

## 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).*

**Winter 5 Stand League: Thursday Evenings from Jan. 4 to Feb. 22**

**ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)**

**ATA Shoot:** ATA Shoots will resume in the spring.

## [NSCA](#)

NSCA Shoots will resume in the spring.

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

## **UK Shotgun Team**

The UK Shotgun Teams practice Thursday nights at BGSL.

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## 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](mailto: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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