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BGSL in April 2024

Don't be fooled into missing April at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League! Spring is greening your club up fast, and the weather will be some of the best of the year for all the outdoor activities you love. So, take advantage of this time of year to do the things you enjoy: Hunt turkeys, if you are one of the lucky ones chosen to pit your wits against BGSL genius birds, shoot your favorite matches, shoot for fun, explore the trails, go fishing or camp before the days and nights get too hot and sticky. Whatever you do at your club, share it with family and friends, both old and new.

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 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. Those of you who have been attending the General Meetings for the last several years know that our resident Chef, Jeff Spry, has really taken the food for these meetings to the next level. The bad news is that if you missed the March meeting, you missed one of his best meals ever at BGSL: beef tenderloin -- not many leftovers. April will be a little different, with Hotdogs and Hamburgers cooked on the grill to kickoff the Spring and Summer Seasons: There is no doubt that Jeff can make the best hotdogs and hamburgers you could ask for.

Other Items of Interest

Reminder of 300 Yard Rifle Range Expanded Availability

As of last month, the BOD expanded Rifle Range hours to be the same as GP Range Hours. Shooters must be members in good standing, have a current advanced rifle certification, sign-in/out at the GP Range, and obey all [range rules](#) & safety expectations. Please note that prone shooting is allowed, but only during sanctioned events under a qualified Match Director or during times at which an RSO is physically present on the 300 Yard Range.

Spring Turkey Lottery -- Tickets Available Soon

General Spring Turkey Season this year runs from April 13th to May 5th. Tickets for the Spring Turkey Lottery at BGSL were available starting at the March General Membership Meeting and will be available through most of the April General

Membership Meeting (2 April) at which point the drawing will be held. You may also purchase tickets by phone by calling the office (859-858-4060, M-F/9a-5p). You do not have to be present at the drawing to be eligible, but you do need to buy a ticket or tickets to have a chance at winning. Tickets are \$10 each or 10 for \$80. Only ten spots are available, and BGSL is a great place to hunt turkeys, so don't miss your chance.

Front Gate

The March BOD voted to activate all members' gate cards for 24 hour access. This means that soon, your gate card will allow you to enter 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so if you need before- or after-hours access, dig out your old gate card! For most people, however, the change should not be noticeable, as the gate will be open (no card required) from approximately 8am to whenever the last sanctioned event is over on the property, just as is being done currently. Please note that once the 24 hour access is activated that cards will open the gate and close behind you if used before normal opening or after normal closing time, so if you are running an event that requires access to others without gate cards before or after regular hours, you will need to obtain a code from the office to hold the gate open, and, if after hours, you will be responsible for closing the gate when it is no longer required to be open. Likewise, if you need access outside of normal hours for some reason before the gate card changes are made, please contact the office for a code that will allow that.

Shop Building at Y

The shop building is progressing, and the interior wall and insulation in the shop area are complete or nearly so. Some work remains on the exterior of the shed and drain field, along with the interior wiring, lighting, plumbing, and finish/furnishing.

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 seasons, especially mornings and evenings when hunters are most active, and it never hurts to wear bright colors or even orange when in the woods. We just added a "hidden gem" of a trail, so click the link in the header above and see if you can find it.

Contact trailcommittee@bgslinc.com if you would like to help maintain existing trails, scout out potential new trails, or need more information on the hiking trails at BGSL.

Camping at BGSL

There are several options for camping at BGSL for both members and event attendees. Options range from primitive sites to full RV hookups. Please be aware that the Bathhouse and water at Muzzleloader may not be available for a few weeks, i.e. until the danger of frost is past. [Check out the options here.](#)

Hunter Education at BGSL: March 30 & August 31

These fill up quickly, so if you have a need for hunter education, sign up soon. Clicking on the links below will take you to class registration information.

- Saturday, March 30: [Class Description and Registration](#)
- Saturday, August 31: [Class Description and Registration](#)

If you find the date you want is full, contact the instructor (via the registration page), as, being a member himself, he tries his best to fit in all the BGSL

members he can.

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.

[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.

Mark Sands has three classes scheduled for 2024 at BGSL: **March 17, July 14, and September 29**. All classes are from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Six individual drills will introduce you to a variety of different shooting exercises that will help develop your tactical handgun skills. Steel targets are used to help build your confidence, reinforce your positive shooting experience, and keep down time to a minimum. This is not a beginner level class. Attendees should be experienced in the safe handling of a handgun to include drawing from a holster safely and reloading it from a magazine pouch. Anyone one interested in attending should contact Mark at marksands53@gmail.com or 859-229-7486.

[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

Spring Youth Turkey Season is April 6-7. Contact Nelson Bottoms at youth@bgsline.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

Contact Natalie Bohon for all matters related to A Girl & A Gun.

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 its primary missions, give the office a call at **859-858-4060** to register your interest and be put on the list for upcoming opportunities.

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 the division and its events or to join the division.

[Muzzleloader](#)

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

Bryan Station Open ("Silver") Table Match: Saturday, April 6

Monthly Open (Table) Match: Sunday, April 28

[NRL22](#)

[NRL22 Match](#): Sunday, March 21

[Pistol](#)

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

[USPSA Match](#): Sunday, April 7

Practiscore registration required for this match.

[Steel Challenge Match](#): Saturday, April 13

Practiscore registration required for this match.

[IDPA](#): Saturday, April 20

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: None for April due to Special Tom Palmer Match (see below).

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

SPECIAL MATCHES

“One of a Kind – Tom Palmer” a Memorial USPSA/SCSA Match: April 26-27

Tom Mansfield Match Director: SteelChallenge@bgslinc.com

Sign up on Practiscore: <https://practiscore.com/bgsl-april-scsa-clone/register>

Rifle

C/F Benchrest: UBR 100/200 yds Score Match --Sunday, April 28

ABRA Matches: Sunday, April 7; Wednesday, April 24

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.

Operation Bluegrass Blackout: Saturday, April 13th (8PM)

100 Clays under the lights, plus dinner and prizes. Proceeds go to support Wreaths Across America at Camp Nelson. Contact Randy Shelley:

rshelley@hallenvironmental.net or 1 (859) 333-3056.

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: Sunday, April 21

NSCA

NSCA 'Spring Clays' Shoot: April 27-28

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

High School Trap Teams and UK Shotgun Team

JCHS, Burgin, and Lexington Catholic are shooting at BGSL. JCHS and Catholic practice on Thursday evenings. The UK Shotgun Teams also practice Thursday nights at BGSL.

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 BGSJ 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 BGSJ and what you have been doing at your club.



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