



BGSL in February 2024

February at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League never shorts its members in terms of activities, despite being the shortest month, and this is a leap year. The Heart Break Run & Gun happens this month, and many division activities proceed full-tilt through all but the worst conditions even though others take a bit of a winter break. Don't think you have to wait until spring to enjoy your club, either -- February often surprises us with patches of rather pleasant weather to offset the snow and ice. Take advantage of every opportunity to enjoy your club and to share it with friends and family!

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 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. For those who don't know, we have an actual chef cooking almost all of the meals these days, so you won't be disappointed with the meal.

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.

Power Restored to Front Gate

Power has been restored to the front gate and light on the entrance sign, and the gate has been put back on the swing arm. Members should expect to see the gate closed after hours (at night) now, though it will remain open during the day as before.

300 Yard Rifle Range Baffles

The baffles are complete aside from a couple of minor tweaks that suggested themselves during the first few weeks of use and will be taken care of soon. Reports from users are positive that the baffles do not interfere with their shooting.

Shop Building at Y

The prep work for pouring concrete is complete, but the actual pour was postponed until warmer and drier weather, so it seem like next week (starting on Monday, 5 Janurary) may be a "go". Once the concrete has set, work will begin on the interior: a divider wall cutting the space in half, along with insulation and metal paneling to allow more efficient heating of the section designated primarily for shop use while leaving the other section unheated. After that interior work is complete, plumbing and electrical work can resume on the interior of the building.

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. Anyone 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](#)

Contact Nelson Bottoms at 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.

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.

[Muzzleloader](#)

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

[NRL22](#)

[NRL22 Match](#): Sunday, February 18

[Pistol](#)

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

USPSA Match: Sunday, February 4

Practiscore registration required for this match.

Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, February 10

Practiscore registration required for this match.

IDPA: Saturday, February 17

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: No 3Gun in February, due to the Heartbreak Run & Gun

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, February 25

SPECIAL MATCHES

Heartbreak Run 'n' Gun: Saturday, February 24

This event sold out minutes after registration went on line, as usual. You will be able to see parts of the event taking place all over the club, so be on the lookout for runners when you are driving at the club and enjoy the show. If you missed your chance this year, keep an eye on the event's [Facebook Page](#) for a chance in 2025.

PCSL Hit Factor Match: Sunday, February 11

This is the first match of its kind at BGSL. Description and registration available on [Practiscore](#)

Rifle

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

ABRA Matches: matches will resume in the spring

Note: UBR and ABRA schedules for 2023 are published on the Rifle page now.

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.*

Winter 5 Stand League: Thursday Evenings through February 29 (started January 4).

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: ATA Shoots will resume in the spring.

NSCA

NSCA Shoots will resume in March.

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

UK Shotgun Team

The UK Shotgun Teams practice Thursday nights at BGSL.

Online Resources

Keep Up with BGSJ Online

You can see all the resources available for use by members and how to access each by reading the [Guide to BGSJ 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 [BGSJ 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@bgsjinc.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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