



## BGSL in March 2024

Last year, March came into the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League "like a lion" and did quite a bit of damage, but we have overcome it and are looking forward to a more lamb-like March this year. No matter what the weather brings, though, March brings with it the official beginning of spring and the first solid hints of better days to come each year, so enjoy your club's many benefits whenever you can and don't forget to take a moment every time you visit to appreciate the initially subtle but ultimately abrupt greening of the grasses and budding of trees. Finally, one other thing that many of you may enjoy in particular this month is that hours at the Advanced Rifle Range will soon be greatly expanded for qualified users (read more in section below).

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## General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 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.

## Other Items of Interest

### Changes to 300Y Range Times

Effective **Monday, March 4, 2024**, the BGSL Rifle range will be offering expanded hours to members holding Adv. Rifle Certification: The BGSL board has decided that the 300Y rifle range will be open on days/hours that the GP Range is open and staffed. 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.

### [Operation Bluegrass Blackout](#)

This is coming up in April, but get signed up as soon as possible if you are interested! 100 Sporting Clays under the lights to support Wreaths Across America at Camp Nelson Saturday, April 13, at 8PM. Don't miss a fun opportunity to support an awesome effort. Contact Randy Shelley: [rshelley@hallenvironmental.net](mailto:rshelley@hallenvironmental.net) or 1 (859) 333-3056.

**Spring Turkey Lottery -- Tickets Available Soon**

Tickets for the Spring Turkey Lottery will be available starting at the March General Membership Meeting through the April General Membership Meeting at which point the drawing will be held. 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. You may also buy tickets in the office or over the phone (**859-858-4060**) during normal business hours. Tickets are \$10 each or 10 for \$80.

### **RSO Classes -- Express your Interest**

BGSL always needs RSOs to work the ranges. 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.

### **Power Restored to Front Gate**

Just a reminder that 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.

### **Shop Building at Y**

The concrete has been poured and allowed to cure, and work will begin on the interior soon: 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. Brian is offering a CCDW class on Saturday, March 23 from 8am-4:30pm. Signup Link is here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49ADAB28A0FCC07-48277732-kyccdww#/>

[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](mailto: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@bgsline.com](mailto: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](#) at BGSL**

[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@bgsline.com](mailto: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](mailto:casting@bgsline.com).

### [Gun Dog](#)

Contact [gundog@bgsline.com](mailto:gundog@bgsline.com) for information on the division and its events or to join the division.

## Muzzel loader

Contact [muzzleloader@bgsline.com](mailto:muzzleloader@bgsline.com) with any questions you have about about the division or its events.

**Bryan Station Open ("Silver") Table Match: Saturday, March 16**

**Monthly Open Match: Sunday, March 24**

## NRL22

**NRL22 Match: Sunday, March 17**

## Pistol

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

### **MONTHLY MATCHES**

**USPSA Match: Sunday, March 3**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, March 9**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**IDPA: Saturday, March 16**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**3Gun Match: Saturday, March 23**

**Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, March 24**

## Rifle

**C/F Benchrest: Group Match - 2 Aggs at 200 yds --Sunday, March 24**

**ABRA Matches: Wednesday, March 27**

**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](mailto:bluegrassshotgun100@gmail.com).*

**UK Wildcat Invitational: March 2-3**

**ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)**

**ATA Shoot: Sunday, March 10**

## NSCA

**'Daylight Savings Clays' Shoot: March 23-24**

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

### **High School Trap Teams and UK Shotgun Team**

The JCHS and other high school Trap Team should be practicing on Thursday nights again as the weather improves and spring tournament season draws closer. 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@bgsline.com](mailto:secretary@bgsline.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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