



## BGSL in May 2024

Like every year, May at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League is "off to the races": It is always one of the busiest months of the year in general for every one, starting with the Derby and ending with the Memorial Day weekend, with all sorts of events scheduled in between to take advantage of the great weather. There are plenty of events scheduled at BGSL for May as well, but not so many that you won't be able to find a place to enjoy yourself in relative solitude if that is what you want. Take full advantage of May weather and your favorite activities and your club's 1500 acres of outdoors to put yourself in the winner's circle.

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### General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 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 have not attended a General Meeting in years, the quality of the food prepared by BGSL's Jeff Spry excels across a wide variety of fare from simple to elegant, making attendance mandatory for those who enjoy good food to go along with good company.

### Other Items of Interest

#### **300 Yard Rifle Range Expanded Availability**

The BOD expanded Rifle Range hours to be the same as GP Range Hours in March, and now there are expanded hours (dawn to dusk) available to Advanced Rifle Certificate holders, thanks to the installation of baffles and security cameras: Ask the RSO at GP for details. 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 Hunting**

The spring Turkey Season is almost complete (ends May 5). So far, at least 7 Turkeys have been harvested, one of which was by a youth hunter, and the Turkey was one of

those which the state tagged, and it was eligible for a cash prize.

### **Dove Field**

The Dove Field preparation is under way currently, pending weather, of course. There will be one field for the 2024 season, located to the right of the road from the "T" to the "new" fishing pond.

### **Bath House Open/Getting New Roof**

With the danger of frost past, the Bath House has been re-opened for member use. It is slated for a new roof very soon if not already underway, but should remain open during the process. Just be aware that it may be going on when you use the bath house.

### **Front Gate**

Just a reminder that 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's interior wall and insulation in the shop area is complete, and the electrical service is installed. Some minor work remains on the exterior of the shed, grading the area around the shop, and installing the septic 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@bgsline.com](mailto:trailcommittee@bgsline.com) if you would like to help maintain existing trails, scout out potential new trails, or need more information on the hiking trails at BGSLine.

### **Camping at BGSLine**

There are several options for camping at BGSLine for both members and event attendees. Options range from primitive sites to full RV hookups. [Check out the options here.](#)

### **Hunter Education at BGSLine: August 31**

A full class was taught at BGSLine on March 30, and there is another one on August 31.

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

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

***If you find the class 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 has a full Carbine Series scheduled for 2024, starting with an intro class on May 4 and progressing to a Beginners' class in June, followed by several Intermediate Carbine classes through the summer into the Fall.

[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(completed), 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](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@bgslinc.com](mailto:youth@bgslinc.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.

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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@bgslinc.com](mailto:archery@bgslinc.com) with any questions about using the targets available, for information about upcoming events, or to join the division.

## **[Casting](#)**

If you would like to try some casting practice the division has provided rods near the casting shed with the appropriate casting plugs so that members can use them. For information about the Casting Division or about using the Casting Ponds, contact [casting@bgslinc.com](mailto:casting@bgslinc.com).

## **[Gun Dog](#)**

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

## **[Muzzleloader](#)**

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

**Bryan Station Open ("Silver") Table Match: Saturday, May 18**

**Monthly Open Match: Sunday, May 26**

## **[NRL22](#)**

**[NRL22 Match](#): Sunday, May 12**

## **[Pistol](#)**

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

## MONTHLY MATCHES

**USPSA Match: Sunday, May 5**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, May 11**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**IDPA: Wednesday, May 8\***

Practiscore registration required for this match. \*Note that match is on a Wednesday afternoon this month instead of its usual 3rd Saturday.

**3Gun Match: Saturday, May 25**

**Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, May 19**

## Rifle

**C/F Benchrest: UBR 100/200 yds Score Match --Sunday, May 26**

**ABRA Matches: Sunday, May 5; Wednesday, May 22**

**Note: UBR and ABRA schedules for 2024 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).*

**ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)**

**ATA Shoot: Sunday, May 19**

## NSCA

**'Armed Forces Recognition' Shoot: May 24-26**

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

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

Several High School Teams (including JCHS, Lexington Catholic, and Burgin) are shooting at BGSL for practice and League competition at BGSL.

The UK Shotgun Teams continue to 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 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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