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BGSL in June 2024

June at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League brings the official beginning of summer and the longest day of the year. Take full advantage of the weather and the longer daylight hours and enjoy your club as much as you can. There is a full range of matches and activities scheduled for June across the divisions from big to small and in between, so pick your favorites to compete in and save some time as well for practice at the ranges and maybe even a little camping, hiking or fishing.

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 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

300 Yard Rifle Range Expanded Availability *(Update to Guest Policy in Italics)*

The BOD expanded Rifle Range hours to be the same as GP Range Hours in March, and in April, the hours were extended again (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. *Effective 28 May, 2024, guests under the supervision of a member with Advanced Rifle Certification may complete a sight in test at GP during normal operating hours and receive a temporary pass good for up to 7 days from date of issue for dawn to dusk use when accompanied/supervised by a qualified member and providing a guest fee is paid for each day of use.*

Guest Fee Change

Effective July 1, 2024, the Guest Fee charged to members for each guest will change from \$10 a day to \$25 a day. As always, members are encouraged to bring guests to our club to show them the facilities free of charge. The guest fee is only required for the

use of shooting ranges and some other facilities (e.g. fishing).

Bath House Roof Completed

A new roof was installed on the Bath House in May.

Shop Building at Y

Basic electrical service has been installed and lighting has been specified but not yet wired and installed. Some initial grading to allow access to back end of building and prevent water intrusion has been done.

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 BGS�.

Camping at BGS�

There are several options for camping at BGS� 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.](#)

RSO Classes -- Express your Interest

BGS� 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 BGS� 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 Fishing Pond Stocked Recently

The newer fishing pond was stocked recently with some catfish from the Kentucky River: Channels, Blues, and Flatheads. Now that the new fish have had time to acclimate, they are fair game for members' fishing expeditions. Remember to follow all relevant state fishing regulations and that the BGS� limit is to keep **two catfish per membership per day; all other species are catch and release.**

Dove Fields

The dove field has been planted and sprayed, and are growing in preparation for the fall opening of dove season.

BGS� Training Certified Member Instructors

NOTE: *The instructors listed in this section are all BGS� members and are certified by the BGS� 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 taught Beginning Carbine on Saturday, June 1, and the Intermediate Carbine Series will begin on Saturday, July 6. [Link to register for the](#)

[July Intermediate Carbine Class.](#)

[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(past), 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](#)

Contact Nelson Bottoms at 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.](#)

Future Hunter Education at BGSL: Class, 8/31; Range Day, 8/29

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 the class registration information.

- Complete Class --August 31: <https://app.fw.ky.gov/edcourse/courseevent.aspx?ceid=1536>
- Range Day -- August 29: <https://app.fw.ky.gov/edcourse/courseevent.aspx?ceid=2806> **Note: Range Day is for those who can prove prior completion of Classroom Portion and just need to complete Range Portion.**

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

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](#)

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@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, June 29

Monthly Club Table Match: Sunday, June 23

[NRL22](#)

[NRL22 Match](#): Saturday, June 16

NRL22 Practice Day: Sunday June 30 (9am-1pm)

[Pistol](#)

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

[USPSA Match](#): None for June due to Bluegrass USPSA State Championship later in month

[Steel Challenge Match](#): None for June

[IDPA](#): Wednesday, June 5 (moved due to big USPSA match on normal IDPA weekend)

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: Saturday, June 22

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, June 23

SPECIAL MATCHES

2024 Bluegrass USPSA State Championship: June 14-16

This is a big match, so preparation is already under way. Keep an eye on the calendar for pit availability in the weeks leading up to the match.

Rifle

C/F Benchrest: Sunday, June 23

ABRA Matches: Sunday, June 2; Wednesday, June 26

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.*

Liars, Cheaters, and Gunslingers Fundraising Shoot: Saturday, June 1

Summer Skeet League: Thursday Evenings from June 6 to June 27

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: June 15-16

Sporting Clays Youth Camp: June 29-30

High School Trap Teams

The Jessamine County High School Trap Team once again won their conference in spring league trap competition in May, and they along with other teams that practice at BGSL (e.g. Burgin and Lexington Catholic) will compete in the KY High School State Championship in Berea on June 8.

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.

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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