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BGSL in August 2024

It has been plenty hot already this year at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League, but August may take the heat up a notch in terms of diverse activities occurring at the club: In addition to regularly scheduled matches and member use, BGSL will host the [2024 TACCOM Kentucky Steel Challenge State Championship](#) at Pistol, an Airstream RV Rally in the RV Camping area, the Mike Niblett Memorial Match at Rifle, and a [5K fundraiser for Justin's Place \(a local charity\)](#). Add to that, Hunter Orientations and Hunter Education classes will be running through August in preparation Dove Season Opening in September as well as deer hunting later in the year. Whether you participate, however, in any of the special events or not, there is still plenty of room at your club to enjoy the last full month of summer alone or with friends and family, so don't miss out.

General Membership Meeting

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

Other Items of Interest

Nominations Accepted in Writing for BGSL Elections

Starting at the August General Membership Meeting, the floor will be opened to nominations for BGSL Officers and the three Director-at-Large positions in advance of the September elections. Nominations will also be accepted at the September Meeting before the elections. If you prefer, you can submit your nominations by email to: Burton Wright, BGSL Secretary, secretary@bgsline.com, or to Brenda Wayne, brenda.wayne@bgsline.com, in the office. Finally, nominations can be submitted in writing by bringing them to the office or mailing them to:

The Blue Grass Sportsmen's League

ATTN: Nominations

2500 Handy's Bend Road

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300 Yard Rifle Range Expanded Availability (*May 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. *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 by the hosting member for each day of use.*

Note: Currently, 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. **If you are a prone shooter and use or want to use the 300Y range regularly and have not already expressed your interest, please let us know (by replying to this email), as we are trying to assess the amount of potential usage by prone shooters.** Finally, in response to member requests, there are a couple of steel targets hanging at 300 yards for member use. These were deployed successfully for a trial period and seem to be working well and safely.

Dove Hunting

The 2024-25 dove season(s) for Kentucky start(s) September 1st. The field is growing well despite the recent dry weather, and there are some doves checking it out already, so make sure to get everything done in time for the opening. The price for dove hunting is simply to pay the small game fee (**which is also valid for other small game**) and to attend a Hunter Orientation(see below) if required. View the web page in the header link for more information and contact Don Smallwood at jdonsmallwood@gmail.com with any questions about dove hunting at BGSL.

Hunter Orientations in 2024

Participants that did not hunt at BGSL the previous year must attend the hunter orientation in person. This course must be attended/renewed annually. Sessions will be held in the Youth Lodge. Contact Don Smallwood at jdonsmallwood@gmail.com for details.

- **Saturday, May 9th @ 9:00 AM**
- **Saturday, Aug 3rd @ 9:00 AM**
- **Thursday, August 15th @ 7:00 PM**
- **Saturday, August 24th @ 9:00 AM**
- **Saturday, October 5th @ 10:00 AM**
- **Thursday, October 24th @ 7:00 PM**

[Download a copy of the Hunting Guidelines here.](#)

[Copy of Hunter Orientation Presentation for preparation or review.](#)

Upcoming 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.

Airstream RV Rally

August 21-25, BGSL will host an Airstream RV Rally in the RV camping area.

Gallop and Glow 5K for Justin's Place

This will be a 5K fun run (walk or run as you see fit) to benefit Justin's Place. It will be held on the evening of Friday, August 30 at BGSL. Justin's Place is a local non-profit that is dedicated to creating moments of peace and joy for children in our community who need it most. They do this through tailored recreational sessions that include therapeutic horseback riding lessons, interaction with farm animals, sensory activities, learning games and more! In 2023, Justin's place served 60+ children each week through their one-of-a-kind farm in Wilmore, Kentucky. Information and sign-up link in the header above.

Hiking Trails

You can get trail maps with descriptions in JPEG format on the website page linked to this header. Contact trailcommittee@bgsllinc.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. [Check out your options here.](#)

RSO Classes -- Express your Interest

BGSL always needs RSOs to work GP, etc. 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 Shop Building at Y

Currently, the last remaining serious impediment to moving into the new shop is installation of lighting and wiring. A plan for the electrical is complete and updated bids are being sought for the work.

Front Gate

Unfortunately, there are still some problems with the gate card reader, so until those issues are resolved, [email Operations Manger Ben Riffell](#) for a pass code that will allow 24 hour access if you anticipate needing it. Please include your member number in the email. We do have a plan in place for replacing the card reader, and we hope that it will be in place and operational sometime this month.

BGSL 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 is teaching and Intermediate Carbine class on Saturday, August 3, and the next Intermediate Class will be Saturday September 7: [Link to register for the September 7 Intermediate Carbine Class](#). Brian is also offering [Intro to Trap on August 18](#) and [Intro to Skeet on August 20](#).

[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 BGS�: **March 17(past), July 14(past), 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.

[BGS� Youth Committee](#)

Contact Nelson Bottoms at youth@bgsllinc.com for information about all Youth Activities at BGS�. 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 BGS�

[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.

BGSL Dues Effective August 7, 2024

The **final** of four 5% annual "cost of living" increases approved by the membership in July of 2020 will take effect on August 7. These increases affect members a year from their last annual renewal (regardless of payment period). Note, the amounts if paid for by the recurring payment options as well as the annual option if paid by credit card have been increased slightly versus what was quoted last month due to increased cost to the club for processing.

- Annual \$350(Cash or Check)/\$362.25(Credit Card)
- Semi-annual \$182.90
- Quarterly \$91.45
- Monthly \$30.50
- Life \$5950 (17x Annual, by cash or check)

Guest Passes

For members' reference, here is a link to a copy of the [recent BLAST email regarding guest passes](#). Yes, the price has increased, but each membership will receive two passes at no charge at renewal time, and two reduced rate passes are available to members each year (see the linked BLAST for details).

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](#)

As always, 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, August 17

Monthly Open Club Match (Table): Sunday, August 25

PRS Rimfire

PRS Rimfire Match: Sunday, August 11

Note: PRS Rimfire was formerly NRL22. Contact the match director at prsrifire@bgslinc.com for more information.

Pistol

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

[USPSA Match](#): Sunday, August 4

Practiscore registration required for this match.

[Steel Challenge Match](#): replaced in August by KY State Steel Match (see below)

[IDPA](#): Saturday, August 17

Practiscore registration required for this match.

[3Gun Match](#): Saturday, August 24

[Single Action Shooting Society \(SASS/Cowboy Action\) Match](#): Sunday, August 25

SPECIAL MATCHES

[2024 TACCOM Kentucky Steel Challenge State Championship](#): August 9-10

Rifle

[C/F Benchrest](#): Mike Niblett Memorial Match(UBR 100/200 yds Score Match):
Sunday, August 25

[ABRA Matches](#): Sunday, August 4; Wednesday, August 28

Note: UBR and ABRA schedules for 2024 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.*

[Big Blue Cancer Blast](#): Monday, September 16

Click on the link above to see the flyer for more information on this very worthwhile cause. The flyer also contains a registration form. Put together a team and/or consider one of the several sponsorship options available!

[ATA\(Amateur Trapshooting Association\)](#)

ATA Shoot: None scheduled for August

NSCA

[NSCA 'Smoking Hot Clays' Shoot](#): August 3-4

[Link to all scheduled upcoming NSCA Shoots at BGSL](#) on Score Chaser

High School & 4H Trap Teams

The High School Trap Teams are on summer vacation for a while longer, but Jessamine County 4H Trap Team practices regularly at BGSL during the summer months.

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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