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BGSL in July 2024

The Blue Grass Sportsmen's League furnishes the perfect place for members to celebrate independence all year, but July is an especially good time. Without the independence we celebrate every July 4th and the Constitution it eventually led to, we would not have many of the rights and freedoms we have today. Don't just celebrate your freedom and rights, get out to your club and exercise them and share that tradition with your family and friends.

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 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 *(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, please let us know, as we are trying to assess the amount of potential usage by prone shooters.**

4th of July Related Schedule Changes

The main office will be open Thursday, July 4, but **closed Friday, July 5**. GP will be open all week. The Shotgun Office will be closed Thursday, July 4.

Hiking Trails

You can get trail maps with descriptions in JPEG format on the website page linked to this header. 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 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 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.

Dove Fields

The dove fields have been planted and are growing well given the lack of rain we have received recently.

New Shop Building at Y

Currently, the last remaining serious impediment to moving into the new shop is installation of lighting and wiring.

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.

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 taught Beginning Carbine on Saturday, June 1, and the Intermediate Carbine Series will begin on Saturday, July 6. The July Intermediate class appears to be full. The next one will be August 3: [Link to register for the August 3 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@bgsline.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.

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). The rates for 2024-2025 are:

- Annual \$350(Cash or Check)/\$360.50(Credit Card)

- Semi-annual \$182
- Quarterly \$91
- Monthly \$30.25
- 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](#).

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 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@bgslinc.com.

Gun Dog

Contact gundog@bgslinc.com for information on the division and its events or to join the division.

Muzzleloader

Contact muzzleloader@bgslinc.com with any questions you have about about the division or its events.

Bryan Station Open ("Silver") Table Match: None for July

Monthly Open Club Match (Table): Sunday, July 28

NRL22

NRL22 Match: Sunday, July 21

Pistol

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

USPSA Match: Sunday, July 7

Practiscore registration required for this match.

Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, July 13

Practiscore registration required for this match.

IDPA: Saturday, July 20

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: Saturday, July 27

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, July 28

Rifle

C/F Benchrest: UBR 100/200 yds Score Match --Sunday, July 28

ABRA Matches: Sunday, July 7 (Club Tournament); Wednesday, July 24

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.*

SCTP

The SCTP event in June was quite successful, with approximately 90 participants total.

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: Sunday, July 14

NSCA

No NSCA Shoot at BGSJ in July

[Link to all scheduled upcoming NSCA Shoots at BGSJ](#) 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 BGSJ 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 BGSL and what you have been doing at your club.



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