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BGSL in September 2024

The Blue Grass Sportsmen's League will kick off September with the election of club officers and directors at large, jump right into the 4H State Shoot on September 7th, and follow up with the [Big Blue Cancer Blast](#) on September 16th, all before the end of summer. Add in all the ranges and resources and regular matches with the likelihood of much milder weather than we've had recently and you will have no excuse not to participate in and enjoy your club thoroughly this month.

General Membership Meeting -- Elections

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, at 7PM. September's Membership Meeting is devoted entirely to the election of Officers and Directors at Large, so you don't want to miss your chance to vote for the leadership for the next year. Just as a reminder, the vice presidents of each divisions traditionally act as tellers at the general elections.

Nominations Accepted in Writing for BGSL Elections

Starting at the August General Membership Meeting, the floor was 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@bgslinc.com, or to Brenda Wayne, brenda.wayne@bgslinc.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

Wilmore, KY 40390-8029

Other Items of Interest

300 Yard Rifle Range

The 300 Yard Rifle Range is open every day from dawn to dusk for Advance Rifle Certificate holders and qualified guests (see an RSO for details). There are now some steel targets set up at 300 yards for members to use, but members should not use their

own steel targets on this range currently. Also, thanks to the feedback from prone shooters, we are seriously discussing options for allowing prone shooting without the need for an RSO or Match Director present.

4H State Shooting Competition at BGSL on September 7th

The 4H State Shooting Competition will be at BGSL on **Saturday, September 7th**. Setup will take place on **Friday, September 6th**. The clubhouse and several ranges will be impacted for both days, and traffic will be heavy on the day of the shoot. It is expected that as usual National Guardsmen and Wilmore Police Officers will direct traffic and keep it moving.

Current Hunting Seasons and Member Safety Precautions

Dove season opens September 1st, and the archery season for deer opens September 7th, so please be aware that these activities are going on, and exercise both caution and consideration when you intend to go into areas that are used for hunting or areas near the dove field when in use. Remember to check the map of hunter check ins in the entry hall of the clubhouse before going any place other than the division main areas, ranges and pits. If a hunter is present in the area you intend to go, select another area. If the area of the map is clear, it is safe for you to proceed, but you should place a marker with your contact information and activity on the board and remove it before leaving the club.

Dove Hunting

The 2024-25 dove season(s) for Kentucky start(s) September 1st. The field is growing well given the dry weather this summer, 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.

Remaining Hunter Orientations in 2024

Participants who 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, 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.](#)

Hiking Trails

You can get trail maps with descriptions in JPEG format on the website page linked to this header. Contact 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 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.](#)

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 teaching an Intermediate Carbine class Saturday September 7: [Link to register for the September 7 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(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.

[BGSL Youth Committee](#)

Contact Nelson Bottoms at youth@bgslinc.com for information about all Youth Activities at BGSL.

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 our 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 limited 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.

Guest Passes

For members' reference, here is a link to a copy of the [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).

Clubhouse Kitchen

The walls have been repainted and the ceiling is being prepped for replacement.

Front Gate

We are cautiously optimistic that the gate will be working with existing gate cards by the beginning of next week.

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 some bids on the work have been received.

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](#)

The Casting Division will be hosting the **Kentucky Open Casting Tournament on Saturday, September 28th**. 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@bgslinc.com with any questions you have about about the division or its events.

Bryan Station Open ("Silver") Table Match: No more in 2024

Monthly Open(Local Table)Match: Sunday, September 22

PRS Rimfire

PRS Rimfire Match: Sunday, September 8

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, September 1

Practiscore registration required for this match.

Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, September 14

Practiscore registration required for this match.

IDPA: Saturday, September 21

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: Saturday, September 28

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, September 22

UPCOMING SPECIAL MATCHES

Bluegrass Regional Classic XXVI/GSSF(Glock) Match at BGS

BGSL will be hosting the 26th annual Bluegrass Regional Classic GSSF match October 11-13. Along with the match we will have a silent auction and will have food available all weekend. Glock will give away lots of great prizes, including firearms, cash, GSSF memberships, and more. For more information and contacts on the 26th annual Bluegrass Regional GSSF Match at BGSL contact Tom Mansfield or see the link above. **Also, volunteers and RO's are needed to support the match, please contact Tom if you can help.**

Rifle

C/F Benchrest: UBR 100/200 yds Score Match --Sunday, September 29

ABRA Matches: Sunday, September 15; Wednesday, September 25

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.

Big Blue Cancer Blast

Coming Monday, **September 16**, so there is still time for you to get together a team and practice for one of the best charitable shoots around. If you love sporting clays and hate

cancer, check it out: <https://www.bigbluecancerblast.com/>

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

ATA Shoots: Sunday, September 8 and Sunday, September 29

[NSCA](#)

'Autumn Clays' Shoot: September 23-24

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

High School and UK Shotgun Teams at BGSJ

The Jessamine County High School and other area schools' Trap teams will resume practice at BGSJ on Thursday evenings, along with the UK Shotgun Team.

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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