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## BGSL in October 2024

The only trick to enjoying October at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League is to treat yourself to the cooler weather, impressive foliage, and range of activities available at your club.

One note on this BLAST: The Pistol Division plans a semi-monthly feature on special matches or focus on individual disciplines by the Match Director of each match or discipline for the benefit of those who are interested. The first of these appears this month in the Pistol Division Section, and the topic is the 26th Annual Bluegrass Regional Classic GSSF (Glock Match) this month. Please check it out. Other divisions are encouraged to follow suit and supply the membership with similar content relevant to their disciplines.

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## General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 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. Remember that (almost) every meal at the general meetings these days is prepared by a professional, so if you haven't been to a general meeting lately, there is no time like the present.

### **Results of the September 3rd Elections**

The current officers and directors at large ran without opposition, so all are returning to office. Just to remind everyone: A contact page for the Board of Officers and Directors can be found in the members area of the main website at this link:

<https://bgslinc.com/bgsl-officers-directors/>

## Other Items of Interest

### **Noteworthy Recent Events at BGSL**

At the end of August, the 5K fun run for Justin's Place was held at BGSL, and the event went quite well with over 150 registered participants. The 4H State Shoot held on the first weekend of September went very smoothly, and it was a pleasure to do our part to support youth participation in the shooting sports in a big way. Finally, the Big Blue Cancer Blast was held once again at Sporting Clays on September 16 and brought in a

lot of money for the UK Markey Cancer Center.

### **300 Yard Rifle Range**

The 300 yard Rifle Range is operating during normal hours of operations with the option of dawn to dusk for advanced rifle certificate holders and properly certified guest(s). Ask an RSO at GP if you need additional information about use of the 300 yard rifle range. Approved steel targets have been installed and may be used by any qualified member, but member-supplied steel targets are not allowed.

### **General Safety Guidelines during Hunting Seasons (currently Dove and Deer)**

Dove Hunting and Archery Deer Season are in full swing, and there will be a Youth Only Firearms Weekend the second weekend in October, as well as an early Muzzle loader season the following weekend. **If you are not hunting, please be aware of the fact that others may be, and check the hunters' map at the clubhouse if you intend to go outside the established range areas or any place near hunting areas. You should consider putting up a marker on the map for yourself before going afield (and taking it down before you leave the property) to alert others of your presence.**

### **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](mailto: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](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 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.](#)

### **Fishing**

With the current rains and generally cooling weather, action may pick up at the fishing pond. Remember that the limit is two catfish per membership each day; all other species are catch and release only.

### **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.

### **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 the last Intermediate Carbine class planned for this year Saturday October 5: [Link to register for the October 5 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 Sunday, October 20.** 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, including the Youth Firearms Deer Hunting Weekend the second weekend of October.

### **Lexington Chapter of [A Girl & A Gun](#) at BGSL**

**[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.

### **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 on your free and reduced rate guest passes).

### **Clubhouse Kitchen**

The walls have been repainted, and the ceiling and lights have been replaced. The floor is being refinished with epoxy.

### **Front Gate**

Gate cards are working in general, allowing members 24 hour access, although the gate will remain open during the day as usual. A limited number of existing cards have problems, but we are working to resolve those issues.

### **New Shop Building at Y**

Electrical and lighting along with HVAC and plumbing have been included in the budget for the new fiscal year and are expected to begin soon.

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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@bgsline.com](mailto: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](mailto:casting@bgsline.com).

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

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

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

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

## Monthly Open Table Match: Sunday, October 27

PRS Rimfire

**PRS Rimfire Match: Sunday, October 13**

*Note: PRS Rimfire was formerly NRL22. Contact the match director at [prsrifire@bgslinc.com](mailto:prsrifire@bgslinc.com) for more information.*


## Pistol

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


### Match Spotlight Glock Sport Shooting Foundation Bluegrass Regional Classic


 Date: 10/12/2024 - 10/13/2024


Get ready for a full weekend of competition and family-friendly fun! Whether you are a seasoned professional or just getting started, GSSF matches offer something for everyone. Here is a sneak peek of what to expect:

 Competitive and Fun Match Categories: From Amateur to Unlimited divisions, there's a category for you.

 Prizes and Awards: Compete for bragging rights and prizes.

 Raffle prizes to bid on.

 Meet Fellow Enthusiasts: Connect with like-minded individuals who share the same passion.

 Test Your Skills: Challenge yourself and hone your shooting abilities in a safe and supportive environment.

Mark your calendar, invite your friends, and join us at BGSL for the GSSF match. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Match Registration - <https://gssf.pro/>

Contact Tom Mansfield for more information [tjmgssf@gmail.com](mailto:tjmgssf@gmail.com)

### MONTHLY MATCHES

**USPSA Match: Sunday, October 6**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**Steel Challenge Match: Monthly Steel Challenge at BGSL cancelled for October due to GSSF Match**

**IDPA: Saturday, October 19**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**3Gun Match: Saturday, October 26**

**Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, October 27**

## SPECIAL MATCHES

**Bluegrass Regional Classic XXVI/GSSF(Glock) Match at BGS�: October 12-13 (see match spotlight above).**

## Rifle

**C/F Benchrest: UBR 100/200 yds Score Match -- No more matches this year**

**ABRA Matches: Sunday, October 6; Wednesday, October 23**

**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](mailto:bluegrassshotgun100@gmail.com).*

**ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)**

ATA Shoot: Sunday, October 6 & Sunday October 20

## NSCA

No NSCA Shoots found on Score Chaser at this time (check the link below)

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

## **High School Trap Teams & UK Shotgun Team at BGS�**

High School Trap teams fro Jessamine County and other area High Schools team are practicing and participating in the Fall League at BGS� on Thursday nights this fall. The UK Shotgun Team also practices and participates in shooting activities at BGS�.

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## Online Resources

### **Keep Up with BGS� Online**

You can see all the resources available for use by members and how to access each by reading the [Guide to BGS� 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 [BGS� 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@bgslic.com](mailto:secretary@bgslic.com).

**Help Us Make BGS� 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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