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## BGSL in December 2024

To all members of the Bluegrass Sportsmen's League this December: No matter where or how you celebrate the holidays, may the lives of all of you and your friends and families be merry and bright! If, however, as sometimes happens, the holiday stress is a bit too much at times, keep in mind that your club is the perfect retreat for a few hours of contemplative peace and can also offer quite an effective change of place and pace to enjoy with friends and family.

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### General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 3, 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. **There will be no General Membership Meeting in January 2025. General Membership Meeting will resume in February, 2025.**

### Other Items of Interest

#### **Holiday Hours for 2024 and beginning of 2025**

As details are finalized, [the hours of operation webpage](#) and the [website calendar](#) will be updated with holiday related closings. Also, please note that both the December BOD meeting and the General Membership meeting in January are already cancelled due to holiday considerations.

#### **BGSL Gift Cards**

The Holidays are just around the corner, and a BGSL membership is the perfect gift for the outdoor types on your list. Gift Certificates are available for new memberships, renewals, and rounds of trap, skeet and sporting clays. Call the office (859-858-4060) for details and options.

Additionally, Gift cards for Shotgun sports are available directly from the Shotgun Office -- email [bluegrassshotgun100@gmail.com](mailto:bluegrassshotgun100@gmail.com) or call at (859)-858-4458.

#### **Donation to Nicholasville Fire Department Toy Drive**

According to our tradition this time of year, the various divisions are donating a minimum of \$50 dollars each with matching funds from the president to the

Nicholasville Fire Department's Toy Drive. Last year's donation was substantial, and we would like to continue that tradition. If you would like to add your contribution to the club's total, just call the office at 859-858-4060 or come to the December General Meeting, and we'll be happy to help.

### **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.

### **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 as we become aware of them. If you have issues, please send a picture of your card with the code visible, your name and membership number, a description of the problem and the time and date you experienced the problem to [gatecardissues@bgsline.com](mailto:gatecardissues@bgsline.com).

### **Current Hunting Seasons and Member Safety Precautions**

Modern Deer Season is over, but Archery season is still open and there will be a Muzzleloader season in December. The second and third late Dove seasons are also open for part of December. 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 around the dove field. 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.

### **[CWD Sample Drop-Off Site at BGSLine](#)**

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has added BGSLine as a CWD Sample Drop-Off Site. There is a freezer designated for this use in the pavilion of the main clubhouse. See the link in header for other sites and details about submitting samples. Given the potential threat of Chronic Wasting Disease to deer in Kentucky, we are happy to participate in the program.

### **[Hiking Trails \(Link to Webpage\)](#)**

Be extra cautious and considerate on the trails during hunting season (see section above), especially mornings and evenings when hunters are most active, and it never hurts to wear bright colors or even orange when in the woods.

### **RSO Classes -- Express your Interest**

BGSLine 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 BGSLine 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.

### **BGSLine Training Certified Member Instructors**

**NOTE:** *The instructors listed in this section are all BGS� members and are certified by the BGS� Training Committee.*

**[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.

**[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.

**[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 the last Intermediate Carbine class planned for this year in October, but he is still available for private instruction.

**Mark Sands** Mark typically schedules 3 or 4 classes at BGS� during the warmer months (spring-fall), and all of his 2024 classes are complete. 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. Contact Mark at [marksands53@gmail.com](mailto:marksands53@gmail.com) or 859-229-7486.

### **[BGS� Youth Committee](#)**

Contact Nelson Bottoms at [youth@bgslic.com](mailto:youth@bgslic.com) for information about 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](#)**  
**[Contact Natalie for any matters related to A Girl & A Gun.](#)**

### **Firewood Free for the Cutting to Members**

Members can cut all the firewood they want for their personal use. You will need to sign a waiver and work in the areas indicated by the office, but there is no fee. Contact the Office at 859-858-4060.

### **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). Also, remember that the family membership policy is generally very open to people living in the main members' household and that minors in general (including grandchildren) may be mentored without a guest fee, so call the office if you need specific detail on whether you need to buy a guest pass for someone if you think they may be excepted.

### **Clubhouse Kitchen**

The kitchen renovation is complete.

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

The new shop is nearing completion.

### **Holiday Hours for 2024 and beginning of 2025**

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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@bgslinc.com](mailto:archery@bgslinc.com) with any questions about using the targets available, for information about upcoming events, or to join the division.

### **[Casting](#)**

For information about the Casting Division or about using the Casting Ponds, contact [casting@bgslinc.com](mailto:casting@bgslinc.com). The casting targets have been put away until spring.

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

Gundog will be having a Pheasant Shoot on Dec 7th . Cost per person \$250.00. The shoot will start at 10:00am with a pre-shoot safety meeting and lunch to follow. Must prepay to be included in the shoot . Contact Andy Dillender, [gundog@bgslinc.com](mailto:gundog@bgslinc.com)

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

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

## Monthly Open Table Club Shoot: Sunday, December 22

### Pistol

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

Pistol's featured match this month is the Rimfire Precision Rifle Series (formerly NRL22) which has its own section (see below).

#### The Winter Wonderland Toy Drive Matches continue into December:

Toy Drive Matches

- Sunday, December 1st. USPSA (Pistol Pits) Match starts at 10 AM.
- Saturday, December 14th Steel Challenge (Pistol Pits) starts at 10 AM

#### MONTHLY MATCHES

##### IDPA: Saturday, December 21

Practiscore registration required for this match.

##### 3Gun Match: Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 28

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

### Rimfire Precision Rifle Series (formerly NRL22)

The NRL22 program started 3 years ago has switched over to the Rimfire Precision Rifle Series in recent months to cater to local demand. The basic idea is still the same, take a 22LR and clang steel targets at various distances from multiple shooting positions while under a time limit. Each month we set up 8 different stages, each one requiring 8-12 shots in 1 min and 45 seconds. Scoring is straight forward, either you hit the designated target(s) or you don't. While we have some targets out to 290 yards, the majority of the targets are under 150.

The start of each match competitors have 45-60 min to verify their 50 yard zero on paper and calibrate their ballistic solving app/device on steel targets at various distances. Sound interesting? All you need to get started is a mag fed 22LR bolt or semi auto rifle with a scope that has adjustable target turrets, ammo you can shoot 1-2 moa with, at least 2 10 round magazines, a bipod, and a support sandbag. Spectators are always welcome during matches and usually find them selves trying out a few shots on a stage.

**Our next match is scheduled for Sunday, December 15.**

Please direct any other question to the Match Director, Michael Dame

Email: [Bigawesome.md@gmail.com](mailto:Bigawesome.md@gmail.com)

Phone: 502 492 3807

### Rifle

UBR 200/100 Yds. Score Match: No more UBR shoots are scheduled for this year

ABRA Matches: No more ABRA matches are scheduled for this year

### 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: No more ATA shoots at BGS� this year**

### [NSCA](#)

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

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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 BGS� and what you have been doing at your club.

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