



BGSL in November 2024

November at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League is perfect for taking time to enjoy your club with friends and family making it easy to appreciate what you have and get you looking forward to a holiday season filled with goodwill and giving. The pistol division's full slate of Winter Wonderland Toy Drive Matches starting in November and running into December are one excellent way to help accomplish that and offer a fun and easy way to get into the swing of things. You can read about them in the Pistol Feature in the Pistol Division section further down. In addition, there is the usual wide range of both organized and individual, self-paced activities as always at your club, so there is no excuse for not enjoying the season, even if you just want to enjoy a short escape at times.

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 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

Time Change and Holiday Hours Reminder

EST starts back on Nov. 3, so check the operating hours [here](#). Likewise, holiday hours will be posted there as they become determined, and the website calendar will be updated as appropriate at the same time.

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.

Current Hunting Seasons and Member Safety Precautions

There will be several hunting seasons, including modern firearms for deer, in full swing in November (or parts of it), 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.

[Hiking Trails](#)

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

Camping at BGS�

There are several options for camping at BGS� for both members and event attendees. Options range from primitive sites to full RV hookups. [Check out your options here.](#)

Fishing

With the generally cooling (but not cold!) 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

BGS� 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 BGS� 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.

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

[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 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 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@bgsline.com for general information about Youth Activities at BGS�.

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

[Contact Natalie for any matters related to A Girl & A Gun.](#)

BGS� Gift Cards

The Holidays are just around the corner, and a BGS� 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 -- bluegrassshotgun100@gmail.com or call at (859)-858-4458.

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).

Clubhouse Kitchen

The kitchen renovation is complete except for minor details and a few pieces of additional equipment.

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.

New Shop Building at Y

Lighting and Electric is being installed right now. It is hoped that waterline will be run in the next week or so, and we hope that some form of heat will be installed before the weather turns really cold.

Paving Projects

One thing that was omitted by mistake from the October BLAST is that a significant length of three separate sections of club roads were paved in September.

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](#)

For information about the Casting Division or about using the Casting Ponds, contact casting@bgsline.com. *Note: The casting targets have been put in storage for the winter.*

[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. Participants must prepay to be included in the shoot. Contact gundog@bgsline.com for information on division events or to join the division.

[Muzzleloader](#)

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

Monthly (4th Sunday) Open (Club Table) Shoot: Sunday, November 24

PRS Rimfire (formerly NRL22)

As part of the Pistol Division's **Winter Wonderland Toy Drive Matches** (see below), there will be a special PRS Rimfire Night Match on Saturday, November 16. Contact prsrifire@bgsline.com for more details.

[Pistol](#)

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

Every type of match in the Pistol Division and the PRS Rimfire match will be a special match for a great cause in November (and into December)! Read more below in this month's Pistol Feature:

2024 Blue Grass Sportsmen's League Winter Wonderland Toy Drive Matches!!

We are working with the KCH Child Life Department – Children's Hospital again this year! Holidays are a difficult time to have a loved one in the hospital, especially if that loved one is a child. You can make the holidays special for children and families who are receiving care at Kentucky Children's Hospital by donating items through their registry. Items purchased from the KCH Wish List will be shipped directly to the hospital from the vendors. Make sure you select to have the items shipped directly to the hospital!

The entry fee into EACH of the matches will be a gift or gifts purchased through the KCH Wish List (Link Below) totaling at least \$20. I know how generous you all are, and some people always go way above and beyond! All you need to do is bring a receipt of your purchase to the match, either printed or on your phone. That means at least \$20 per match that you shoot.

When you check out with your gift purchase, please write "BGSL" under the gift message!

Additional donation links are also available

If you're unable to shoot the matches please consider donating to an outstanding cause.

<https://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/kentucky-childrens-hospital/philanthropy/ways-give/wish-list>

Additional donation links

- <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=8b7ce700-1aee-11ec-aa69-b7e4e2dad579&type=CHARITY>
- <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/RV9EYQ6QORSH>
- <https://www.walmart.com/registry/ER/89e5d8c0-3467-4925-b43e-34374ab54be3>

Toy Drive Matches

- Saturday, November 16th IDPA (Pistol Pits) setup starts at 8AM, with first shots by 9am or upon the completion of new shooter check.
- Saturday, November 16th PRS Night Match Sight-in at 5 PM match starts at 6PM, we must be finished by 10PM (Rifle range)
- Saturday, November 23rd, BGSL 3Gun.
- Saturday, November 30th 2-Gun (Carbine/Pistol in Pistol Pits) Match starts at 12 PM
- Saturday, November 30th Night Match (Carbine/Pistol in Pistol Pits) Match starts at 6 PM.
- Sunday, December 1st. USPSA (Pistol Pits)Match starts at 10 AM.

- Saturday, December 14th Steel Challenge (Pistol Pits) starts at 10 AM
- [Single Action Shooting Society \(SASS/Cowboy Action\) Match](#): Sunday, November 24. Note: The Cowboy Shooters opted out of the online registration for the Toy Drive in favor of their regular registration procedure, but have made a generous contribution to the Toy Drive.

Regular/Monthly Matches in November

USPSA Match: Sunday, November 3

Practiscore registration required for this match. Note that the USPSA Toy Drive Match will be in December (as above)

Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, November 9

Practiscore registration required for this match. Note that the Steel Toy Drive Match will be in December (as above)

Rifle

UBR 200/100 Yds. Score Match: No more UBR shoots are scheduled for 2022

ABRA Matches: Sunday, November 3

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.*

ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: No more ATA Shoots at BGS� in 2024

NSCA

'Veterans Day Clays / Bluegrass (belt buckle) Championship' Shoot: November 8-10

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

High School Trap Teams

The Fall League Competition is complete.

UK Shotgun Team

The UK Shotgun Teams practice Thursday nights at BGS� as well.

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.

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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