



BGSL in February 2025

February holds more activities for members of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League than its shortest month status might indicate, so we hope that the recent improvement in weather holds for a while. Many of the regular division matches are continuing around the club, and the annual 'HeartBreak Run&Gun' will be held on February 22 (there are a few more details in the Pistol Division Section).

As always, whatever you do this month, take advantage of everything your club has to offer and enjoy the outdoors with family and friends.

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 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. For those who don't know, we have an actual chef cooking almost all of the meals these days, and a "new" kitchen for him to work in, so you won't be disappointed with the meal.

Other Items of Interest

Guest Passes

For members' reference, here is a link to a copy of the [BLAST email regarding guest passes](#). Most feedback so far has focused on the price increase last summer but ignored several mitigating factors. 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 member's 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 case. **In addition, many activities do not require a guest fee at all**, such as hiking, camping, or simply showing someone around the club, not to mention that Shotgun is open to the public during normal operating hours, so no guest fee is required to take someone there, either. Finally, if anyone wants to conduct a regular,

structured program of recruitment, we are potentially willing to waive the guest fee, if required, in such situations, so contact the office or one of the club officers to discuss that possibility.

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

Deer and Dove Seasons wound down in January, but there may still be a few hunters going after squirrels and other small game. Be extra cautious and considerate on the trails during any hunting season, especially mornings and evenings when hunters are most active, and it never hurts to wear bright colors or even orange when in the woods.

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.

BGSL Training Certified Member Instructors

NOTE: *The instructors listed in this section are all BGSL members and are certified by the BGSL 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 BGSL during the warmer months (spring-fall), and he will continue in 2025. 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.

[BGSL Youth Committee](#)

Contact Nelson Bottoms at youth@bgsline.com for information about 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](#)

[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.

New Shop Building at 'Y'

The building is complete, as are electric, lighting, and heat, and the shop is now in use although the plumbing work is not yet finished.

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.

[Gun Dog](#)

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 Open Club Table Shoot: Sunday February 23

PRS Rimfire

PRS Rimfire Match: Sunday, February 16

Note: PRS Rimfire was formerly NRL22. Contact the match director at prsrifire@bgsline.com for more information.

Pistol

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

USPSA Match: Sunday, February 2

Practiscore registration required for this match.

Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, February 8

Practiscore registration required for this match.

IDPA: Saturday, February 15

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: No 3Gun in February, due to the Heartbreak Run & Gun

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, February 23

SPECIAL MATCHES

Heartbreak Run 'n' Gun: Saturday, February 22

This event sold out minutes after registration went on line, as usual. You will be able to see parts of the event taking place all over the club, so be on the lookout for preparations before the event and for runners during the event when you are driving at the club and enjoy the show. If you missed your chance this year, keep an eye on the event's [Facebook Page](#) for a chance in 2026.

Rifle

UBR 200/100 Yds. Score Match: matches will resume in the spring

ABRA Matches: matches will resume in the spring

Note: UBR and ABRA schedules for 2023 are published on the Rifle page now.

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.

Winter 5 Stand League: Thursday Evenings (except Feb. 13) through March 13 (started January 16).

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: ATA Shoots will resume in the spring.

NSCA

NSCA Shoots: The next scheduled shoot is in April.

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

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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