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BGSL in January 2025

Happy New Year to all the members of the Bluegrass Sportsmen's League: May this year bring you, your family and friends good fortune in all that you undertake. January weather sometimes takes away good days for enjoying your club, and it may cause the cancellation of some matches as well, but there are usually a good number of days that safe and just a bit cold, not unsafe and miserably cold: Take advantage of those whenever you can!

General Membership Meeting

The General Membership meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 7 has been canceled. The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2025. The fact that there will be no meeting this month, however, is no excuse for not communicating with the officers. If you feel the need to express a concern or ask a specific question use one or more of the emails below:

President Walter Miller: president@bgslic.com

Secretary Burton Wright: secretary@bgslic.com

Treasurer Ron Summers: treasurer@bgslic.com

Other Items of Interest

BGSL Gift Cards

The Holidays are coming to an end, but a BGSL membership is still the perfect gift on any occasion for the outdoor types on your list. Gift Certificates are available year round 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 or call at (859)-858-4458.

Donations to Nicholasville Fire Department Toy Drive

Thanks to everyone from BGSL who participated with donations to the toy drive, and to the Nicholasville Fire Department who organizes the Toy drive for the whole county every year!

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 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 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.

Current Hunting Seasons and Member Safety Precautions

There is less hunting going on in January than previous months, but there will still be some activity. 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. 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

You can get trail maps with descriptions in JPEG format on the website page linked to this header. 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.

CWD Sample Drop-Off Site at BGSL

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has added BGSL 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.

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.

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.*

[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). 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@bgsllinc.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.

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 with any questions about using the targets available, for information about upcoming events, or to join the division.

[Casting](#)

The targets have been put away and the ponds have been drained for the winter. For information about the Casting Division or about using the Casting Ponds, contact casting@bgslinc.com.

[Gun Dog](#)

The Gun Dog division held their annual pheasant shoot in December, and it appears to have been a successful hunt and fun for all involved. Contact gundog@bgslinc.com for information on division events or to join the division.

[Muzzleloader](#)

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

Club Open Table Match: Sunday, January 26

[Pistol](#)

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

[USPSA Match](#): Sunday, January 5

Practiscore registration required for this match.

[Steel Challenge Match](#): Saturday, January 11

Practiscore registration required for this match.

[IDPA](#): Saturday, January 18

Practiscore registration required for this match.

[3Gun Match](#): Saturday, January 25

[Single Action Shooting Society \(SASS/Cowboy Action\) Match](#): Sunday, January 26

[PRS Rimfire](#)

PRS Rimfire Match: Sunday, January 19

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

Rifle

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

ABRA Matches: matches will resume in the spring

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 from Jan. 9 to March 6

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: ATA Shoots will resume in the spring.

NSCA

NSCA Shoots will resume in the spring.

Link to all scheduled upcoming NSCA Shoots at BGSL on Score Chaser.

UK Shotgun Team

The UK Shotgun Teams practice Thursday nights at BGS

Online Resources

Keep Up with BGSL Online

You can see all the resources available for use by members and how to access each by reading the [Guide to BGS](#)L 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](#)L 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@bgslinc.com.

Help Us Make BGSL 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





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