



BGSL in April 2025

One of the most foolish things you could do this month is ignore all that the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League offers as spring gains momentum. There will be beautiful days to enjoy the facilities and property, turkeys to hunt if you are lucky in the lottery, and classes and matches to challenge your skills and extend your competency. Enjoy the magic of spring at your club and share it with family and friends whenever you get a chance!

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 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.

Other Items of Interest

Reminder of After-Dark/Low-Light Shooting Updates

Below is a link to the recent BLAST concerning After-Dark/Low-Light Shooting updates for BGSL members:

https://bgslinc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/BGSL-After-Dark_Low-Light-Shooting-Updates.pdf

A Note on the use of 50 yard targets at Advanced Rifle

For those who are certified for Advanced Rifle and want to practice the 50Y targets such as used for ABRA on the 300Y Rifle Range, we will be leaving a couple of 50 yard target stands set up for your convenience.

Prone positions for 300Y Range

As of the BOD meeting of 25 March, we expect to have two lanes of the Advanced Rifle Range usable for prone shooting (without RSO supervision) by the end of April. Thanks to all the members who brought this issue to our attention.

Spring Turkey Lottery -- Drawing Soon!

Tickets for the Spring Turkey Lottery at BGSL were available starting at the March General Membership Meeting and will be available through most of the April General

Membership Meeting (1 April) at which point the drawing will be held. You may also purchase tickets by phone by calling the office (859-858-4060, M-F/9a-5p). You do not have to be present at the drawing to be eligible, but you do need to buy a ticket or tickets to have a chance at winning. Tickets are \$10 each or 10 for \$80. Only ten spots are available, and BGSL is a great place to hunt turkeys, so don't miss your chance.

Hunter Education at BGSL:

These fill up quickly, so if you have a need for hunter education, sign up soon. Clicking on the links below will take you to class registration information.

- [Saturday, April 5: Hunter Education with Bowhunter Add-On](#)
- [Thursday, August 28: RANGE DAY ONLY](#)
- [Saturday, August 30: Hunter Education with Bowhunter Add-On](#)

If you find the date you want is full, contact the instructor (via the registration page), as, being a member himself, he tries his best to fit in all the BGSL members he can.

BGSL Training Certified Member Instructors

NOTE: *The instructors listed in this section are all BGSL members and are certified by PRS Rimfire Match 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 will start up his Carbine Skills Drills Series on Saturday, **May 3**, with an [Introduction to Carbine Class](#) (see all the full class description on the website calendar entry), which will be followed by [Basic Carbine Skills Drills](#) on June 7. Those 2 classes, if required will allow you to enjoy a different Intermediate Carbine Skills Drills class on the first Saturday of each month for the rest of the year. Contact Brian to get started or continue with your carbine training.

[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 typically teaches 3-4 classes at BGSL each year. His website is here: <https://sandsfirearmstraining.com/>. Mark will be teaching a handgun handgun training session at BGSL on Sunday, April 27 from 9:00am until 1:00pm and an AR platform rifle training session on Sunday, June 29 from 9:00am until 3:00pm. Anyone interested in attending either should contact Mark via his website (linked above) for details on attending the class.

[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](#)

Spring Youth Turkey Season is April 5-6. Contact Nelson Bottoms at youth@bgslinc.com for information about all Youth Activities at BGSL.

Lexington Chapter of [A Girl & A Gun](#) at BGS�
[Contact Natalie Bohon for all matters related to A Girl & A Gun.](#)

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 its primary missions, give the office a call at **859-858-4060** to register your interest and be put on the list for upcoming opportunities.

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, again, 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 an 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.

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 the division and its events or to join the division.

Muzzleloader

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

Bryan Station Open ("Silver") Table Match: Saturday, April 19

Monthly Open (Table) Match: Sunday, April 27

PRS Rimfire

PRS Rimfire Match: Sunday, April 13

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, April 6

Practiscore registration required for this match.

Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, April 12

Practiscore registration required for this match.

IDPA: Saturday, April 19

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: Saturday, April 26

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

Rifle

C/F Benchrest: UBR 100/200 yds Score Match --Sunday, April 27

ABRA Matches: Sunday, April 6; Wednesday, April 23

Note: UBR and ABRA schedules for 2023 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.*

[ATA\(Amateur Trapshooting Association\)](#)

ATA Shoot: Sunday, April 6

[NSCA](#)

[NSCA 'The Bunny Clays' Shoot: April 18-20](#)

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

High School Trap Teams and UK Shotgun Team

High School Teams are shooting at BGSL this spring. The UK Shotgun Teams also practice Thursday nights at BGSL.

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 BGSL 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 [BGSL 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 BGSL and what you have been doing at your club.



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