



BGSL in March 2025

March may bring some cold reminders of winter to the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League as it begins, but March also brings the official beginning of spring. This fact is acknowledged by several matches coming out of hibernation for March and the subsequent warmer weather. Don't miss spring's big green machine's dramatic entrance at your club or the additional activities made available or more pleasant by the coming of spring!

General Membership Meeting

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

Other Items of Interest

Spring Turkey Lottery -- Tickets Available Soon

Tickets for the Spring Turkey Lottery will be available starting at the March General Membership Meeting through the April General Membership Meeting at which point the drawing will be held. 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. You may also buy tickets in the office or over the phone (**859-858-4060**) during normal business hours. Tickets are \$10 each or 10 for \$80.

Heartbreak Run&Gun 2025 is Complete

February furnished some good, tough conditions for the 98+ competitors who made it in to the club. Congratulations to the winners and losers for being able to have a good time while being tough as nails!

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.

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

There are no major hunting seasons open in March, so it is a good time to use the Hiking Trails. Check out the page linked in the header for maps and descriptions of the various trails available.

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.) The next class coming up for Brian is Intro to Carbine on Saturday, May 3rd. Here is a class description and signup link:

Intro to Carbine - May 3, 2024 from 9:00pm-12:00pm

2-1/2 hours classroom time

1/2 hour range time

This is a basic rifle class geared toward those who are new to the AR platform. It will cover nomenclature and function of the main parts of the rifle, field stripping and basic maintenance, zeroing and confirming sights and/or optics at different distances, weapon manipulation, shooting positions, how to clear common malfunctions, and more. Slings will not be used in this class. Please bring your cased rifle, at least one magazine, an empty chamber indicator (if you do not have an ECI, I will have some for purchase at the class), eye and ear protection, and at least 20 rounds of ammunition.

Registration and pre-payment are required. There will be no refunds unless the class is cancelled. This is not an NRA class.

*If you would like to take the class, but do not yet own a rifle, I will have some that you may use for the class, please just let me know when you register that you will need to use one of mine.

signup link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49ADAB28A0FCC07-55434959-intro#/>

Mark Sands Mark schedules 4 classes a year at BGSL. Currently, he has scheduled a handgun class on Sunday, April 27th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This four-hour class consists of six individual handgun drills that 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. He has also scheduled a second class that will be devoted to developing your skill level to shoot an AR style platform rifle. This class is scheduled for Sunday, June 29 th from 9:00 to 3:00 pm. During this class, the student will learn basic assault rifle handling skills. You do not have to be experienced with the rifle to attend this class.

For more information, Contact Mark at marksands53@gmail.com or 859-229-7486.

RSO Classes -- Express your Interest

BGSL always needs RSOs to work the ranges. If you are interested in future RSO classes and are willing to give your time to help BGSL 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.

Hunter Education at BGSL: Link for April 5th Class

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: [Class Description and Registration](#)

If you find the date 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. There is an additional Hunter Ed Class and one Range Day at BGSL planned for August; we will supply links when they become available.

[BGSL Youth Committee](#)

Contact Nelson Bottoms at youth@bgslinc.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](#) at BGSL

[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

For information about the Casting Division or about using the Casting Ponds, contact casting@bgslinc.com.

Gun Dog

Contact gundog@bgslinc.com for information on the division and its events or to join the division.

Muzzleloader

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

Monthly Open Match: Sunday, March 23

PRS Rimfire

PRS Rimfire Match: Sunday, March 16

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

Pistol

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

MONTHLY MATCHES

USPSA Match: Sunday, March 2

Practiscore registration required for this match.

Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, March 8

Practiscore registration required for this match.

IDPA: Saturday, March 15

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: Saturday, March 22

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

Rifle

C/F Benchrest: Group Match - 2 Aggs at 200 yds --Sunday, March 30

ABRA Matches: Wednesday, March 26

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: Continues through Thursday, March 13

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: Sunday, March 16

NSCA

No NSCA Shoots Scheduled Currently for March at BGS�.

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

High School Trap Teams and UK Shotgun Team

The JCHS and other high school Trap Team should be practicing on Thursday nights again as the weather improves and spring tournament season draws closer. The UK Shotgun Teams practice Thursday nights at BGS�.

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 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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