



## BGSL in May 2025

May in Kentucky gets kicked off by the KY Derby and is capped off by the Memorial Day weekend, with several holidays in between. It is a busy month at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League as well, and your club adds even more activities and opportunities to the mix for taking advantage of the warmer weather. Luckily there's plenty of room for all types of outdoor enjoyment and relaxation at BGSL, so don't be shy: Enjoy it and share it with family and friends when you can.

Note: The Pistol Division's Special Feature this month is on BGSL 3Gun. Check it out if you are a 3 Gunner or want to be!

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## General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 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](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**

A baffle system to support prone shooting by qualified members without RSO supervision is in place on a couple of lanes pending some final tweaks. If these interest you, ask the RSO at GP about proper use of the baffles before you use them for the

first time unattended.

### **2025-26 BGSL Hunter Orientation Dates**

The link in the heading above is a web post regarding BGSL-required hunter orientation classes for hunting at BGSL. For state Hunter Education Classes at BGSL, see below.

### **Remaining STATE Hunter Education Opportunities 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.

- **[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** Instructor Mark Sands teaches four classes a year at BGSL. He has developed SandsFirearmsTraining.com and the website is currently available for review. He has scheduled his second class in 2025 that will be devoted to developing your skill level to shoot an AR style platform rifle. This class is scheduled for Sunday, June 29th from 9:00 to 1:00 pm. During this class, the student will learn basic modern style rifle handling skills. You do not have to be experienced with the rifle to attend this class. For more information regarding the details of attending this class, please contact Mark using the contact page at **<https://sandsfirearmstraining.com/>**

**[Timothy Johnson](#)** (link to instructor page with contact information, Newsletter Preview 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**

Contact Nelson Bottoms at **[youth@bgslinc.com](mailto: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 Interestopportunitites**

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 tiSaturday, April 5: Hunter Education with Bowhunter Add-Onme 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.2025-26 BGS� Hunter Orientation Dates

### **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](mailto:archery@bgsline.com) with any questions about using the targets available, for information about upcoming events, or to join the division.

**3D Open Shoot: Saturday, May 3**

## **Casting**

For information about the Casting Division or about using the Casting Ponds, contact [casting@bgsline.com](mailto:casting@bgsline.com).

## **Gun Dog**

Contact [gundog@bgsline.com](mailto:gundog@bgsline.com) for information on the division and its events or to join the division.

## **Muzzleloader**

Contact [muzzleloader@bgsline.com](mailto:muzzleloader@bgsline.com) with any questions you have about about the division or its events.

**Bryan Station Open ("Silver") Table Match: Saturday, May 17**

**Monthly Open (Table) Match: Sunday, May 25**

## **PRS Rimfire**

**PRS Rimfire Match: Sunday, May 18**

*Note: PRS Rimfire was formerly NRL22. Contact the match director at [prsrifire@bgsline.com](mailto:prsrifire@bgsline.com) for more information.*

## **Pistol**

Contact [pistol@bgsline.com](mailto:pistol@bgsline.com) for information about the Pistol Division.

### **PISTOL FEATURE (BGS 3GUN)**

What is 3 gun?

Did you know BGS has a monthly 3 gun match? It is the 4th Saturday of every month you can find the particulars on the BGS website as well as on [practiscore.com](http://practiscore.com) **What is 3 gun?** 3gun is For those who want to master all 3 weapon platforms of the sport (shotgun pistol rifle). As well as test the limits of your ability While being exciting at the same time. Through 4-5 stages offering different disciplines and different problems to be solved with your equipment , the sport of 3-gun is fast, fun, and competitive Don't have gear? First match? Want to learn more? Please reach out to me at [Taylor.hughes59@yahoo.com](mailto:Taylor.hughes59@yahoo.com) and I will help you through every step to get you on your way to your first match and our regular competitors and I will gladly lend you the gear to get out and have fun with us What are you waiting for? Jump in!

### **MONTHLY MATCHES**

**USPSA Match: Sunday, May 4**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**Steel Challenge Match: Saturday, May 10**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**IDPA: Saturday, May 17**

Practiscore registration required for this match.

**3Gun Match: Saturday, May 24**

[Single Action Shooting Society \(SASS/Cowboy Action\) Match:](#) Sunday, May 18

## Rifle

[C/F Benchrest:](#) UBR 100/200 yds Score Match --Sunday, May 25

[ABRA Matches:](#) Sunday, May 4; Wednesday, May 28

**Note:** UBR and ABRA schedules for the year 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](mailto:bluegrassshotgun100@gmail.com).*

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

**ATA Shoot:** Sunday, May 18

## NSCA

[NSCA 'Armed Forces Recognition' Shoot:](#) May 23-25

[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.

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## 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@bgsline.com](mailto:secretary@bgsline.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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