



BGSL in June 2025

June delivers on the longest days of the year, and the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League allows its members and divisions to take full advantage of the extra daylight and the summer weather, even if summer is not official until later in the month. From big, organized matches like the Bluegrass USPSA State Championship to regular monthly matches in almost every division to hiking, camping, and fishing with your friends and family, your club has lots to do and plenty of space to do it -- don't let a great month at your club go to waste!

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, at 7PM. Come on down to your club and find out more about what is going on, ask questions of the officers, voice your opinions and concerns, or simply fellowship with other members over the meal following the meeting.

Other Items of Interest

Road Work and Paving at Shotgun and Main Club

Be on the lookout for heavy equipment doing road preparation and paving. There will possibly be some detours connected to this work as well. Paving should begin soon after preparation work is complete.

Dove Fields

The dove field has been planted and sprayed, and is starting to grow in preparation for the fall opening of dove season.

Hiking Trails

You can get trail maps with descriptions in JPEG format on the website page linked to this header. Contact trailcommittee@bgsline.com if you would like to help maintain existing trails, scout out potential new trails, or need more information on the hiking trails at BGSL.

Camping at BGSL

There are several options for camping at BGSL for both members and event attendees. Options range from primitive sites to full RV hookups. [Check out the options here.](#)

Fishing Pond

The ("new") pond is holding water pretty well and the weather is staying cool, so fishing is an option everyone young and old should consider. Remember to follow all relevant state fishing regulations and that the BGSL limit is to keep **two catfish per membership per day; all other species are catch and release.**

Bagged Ice in Freezer (Pavilion of Clubhouse)

Members may now take bags of ice from a freezer in the pavilion (covered outdoor area) of the Clubhouse. The kitchen is locked now due to the amount of new equipment and -- frequently -- food being stored there between uses.

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 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.

BGSL Training Certified Member Instructors

NOTE: *The instructors listed in this section are all BGSL members and are certified by 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 teach the [Basic Carbine Skills Drills on Saturday June 7th](#), and the multi-month Intermediate Series will start July 5: [Intermediate Carbine Skills Drills for July](#).

[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, 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@bgsllinc.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.](#)

Future STATE Hunter Education at BGS: Class, 8/30; Range Day, 8/28

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

- Complete Class with Bowhunter Add-On --Sat., August 30: <https://app.fw.ky.gov/edcourse/courseevent.aspx?ceid=3140>
- Range Day -- Sat., August 28: <https://app.fw.ky.gov/edcourse/courseevent.aspx?ceid=3141> **Note: Range Day is for those who can prove prior completion of Classroom Portion and just need to complete Range Portion.**

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

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 a year ago but has 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 its 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](#)

3D Open Shoot -- Saturday, June 7

Contact archery@bgsline.com with any questions about using the targets available, for information about upcoming events, or to join the division.

[Casting](#)

Kentucky Open Casting Tournament ([ACA](#)): Saturday, June 21

Program is fly games in the morning and plugs after lunch.

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: None for June
Monthly Club Table Match: Sunday, June 22

PRS Rimfire

PRS Rimfire Match: Saturday, June 1

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.

This month's pistol feature focuses on the KY Steel Challenge State Championship (see under "Upcoming Special Matches"). Also it was requested to remind members that cinder blocks in the pits are club property -- please do not shoot them!

MONTHLY MATCHES

[USPSA Match](#): Sunday, June 1

Practiscore registration required for this match.

[Steel Challenge Match](#): None for June due to USPSA State Chmpshp.

Practiscore registration required for this match.

[IDPA](#): Evening of Wednesday, June 18 (moved from normal Saturday)

Practiscore registration required for this match.

3Gun Match: Saturday, June 28

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS/Cowboy Action) Match: Sunday, June 22

UPCOMING SPECIAL MATCHES

2025 Bluegrass USPSA State Championship: June 13-15

This is a big match, so preparation is already under way. Keep an eye on the calendar for pit availability in the weeks leading up to the match.

2025 Kentucky Steel Challenge State Championship: August 8-9

The 2025 Kentucky Steel Challenge State Championship will be held August 8 & 9. It is an 8-stage (all SCSA classifiers) match in half-day format. There will be 3 sessions (Friday morning, Saturday morning, & Saturday afternoon), and competitors will shoot all 8 stages in one session. This is the 9th Annual Match, and one of the most popular State matches in the country! Top competitors from across the region travel in each year, including several world champions!

*Awards and large prize drawings will take place immediately following the match, once scores are posted. We will have awards for all divisions, classes, and categories, based on the number of entries. For random prize drawings, you **MUST** be present to win. Registration is \$60 per entry, \$40 for juniors.*

For more information, contact Julie Hartley @ juliehartley1970@gmail.com

To register for the match:

<https://www.practiscore.com/2025-kentucky-steel-challenge-state-championship/register>

Rifle

C/F Benchrest: Sunday, June 29

ABRA Matches: Sunday, June 1; Wednesday, June 25

Note: UBR and ABRA schedules for 2025 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.*

NSCA 'Summer Clays' Shoot: June 20-22

ATA(Amateur Trapshooting Association)

ATA Shoot: Sunday, June 1 and June 7-8

High School Trap Teams

The Spring Season is over, but the [State Championship will be at Berea on June 7th.](#)

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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