

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings my fellow Sportsmen, I am honored that you have asked me and allowed me to serve you as President. I think I may be the first BGS� President to not have been a member of the club at Richmond Rd. This handicaps me with BGS� history but not with club heritage as our founders were very wise and wrote a Constitution and By-Laws that will confidently guide all our future leaders of the club. I have been involved at Handy's Bend since 1993 with the Board and various Divisions and Committees so I think I know this club well.

We have set this club on a course to better cater to our membership over the past couple of years. I am very much a membership-oriented person. The membership will come first when it comes to decisions made by or argued by me, even if it is the tough call. The past several Presidents have been the same way and I will continue that.

We have the best private club facility that any of us have been a part of or have heard of. I think if we stacked the BGS� up against anything in the land, pound for pound, we rise to the top. We have as diverse a shooting facility as there is and our membership is as diverse as any kind of club there is. Both will grow. Membership MUST grow.

In order to maintain this fine facility we have had to spend more money than we have brought in and this has been financially painful. The key to this problem is fundamentals. We must do the things necessary as they become due or they will fester and cost more down the road, a lesson we have learned the hard way. The biggest fundamental that we must focus on is membership. We must fill our membership rolls to capacity and this will be the focus for the next 12 months. We will learn a lot about ourselves as we see what it takes to put 3000 members in this club. We will look at everything from our attrition to recruitment. I look forward to any and all input from you!

We will look at the farming operation, and make it as efficient as possible. We will cut hay but maybe not as much. We will do cattle as that is a profitable business. The bottom line will be a balance between farming and club operations that gets the membership taken care of and the necessary farming done. In Kentucky, most of the habitat (or a big part) is in farming country. We can learn and contribute to the sportsmen of KY by integrating the two venues as our BGS� Constitution provides and reap the benefits the farm brings to the club.

Surely, everybody knows that I am a strong advocate for the youth and new shooters and I plan to remain that way. In fact, I will lead from the stand point of this is our future and provide as many opportunities as possible for these programs and groups to use & see our facility. We have balanced these groups use with the Division and membership use of the club in the past and this can still be done.

The new BGS� Outreach Foundation is a big focus for the club. This is something that should have been in place along time ago. Please take the time to inform yourself with this project and lend a hand if possible. The future benefits for our membership are great and long term. The 1st annual fund raising banquet is scheduled for Saturday October 23rd. This Foundation is for you, BGS� members and your families.

Look for more information back to you about our roll with The League of Kentucky Sportsmen, as we are as big a part of this league as anyone in the state.

Next Meeting

Tuesday — October 5, 7:30pm

Please direct any membership concerns to the BGS� bookkeeper at **859-858-4060** or e-mail at **BGS�inc.com**

The LKS is the collective voice of all Kentucky sportsmen and communication between the two of us has lacked a little bit in the past few years. I will make it a part of the monthly agenda and correct that. You will know who the BGS� Delegates are and what issues are on the table. If you see some issue or something that interests you, you will be able respond and or participate.

I believe that we don't have enough club-wide / general membership type events. So look for turkey shoots, wild game dinners, and get-togethers of some kind in the next few months. We missed our 50th anniversary, didn't do anything!? We will have some fun!

These are a few of the issues that will shape the next months for me. I welcome your input on any issue and will make myself available to you. We will communicate as openly as possible through meetings, the Sportsmen Trails Newsletter and the website.

Hope to see you around the club.

At Your Service,

Greg Delabar
gregdelabar@insightbb.com

WILDLIFE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Deer herd control as well as small game hunt is in progress. Limit 25 deer. Traditional muzzleloader and archery only. \$25 fee to get on BGS� hunter list, which enables members to hunt small game. Additional fee of \$100 for Antlered / antlerless deer, \$40 for antlerless only. Two deer per hunter, dates are limited and more dates may be added later. All hunters must attend an orientation meeting. The next Orientation meeting is scheduled October 7, 6:30PM at the main clubhouse.

Anyone interested in furbearer trapping at the BGS� this season, should contact the committee.

Joel McClintock
257-1242

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Past President John Burke.....335-9165

BGS� Chaplain Jeff Tomlin..... 858-4924

BLUE GRASS SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

Board of Directors

Minutes

August 31, 2004

1. ROLL CALL

President John Burke called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Secretary Delabar called the roll and a quorum was present.

2. READING OF MINUTES

President Burke distributed copies of the July 27, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion #1** by Kern, second by Hager to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Ted Enderle read the Treasurer's Report. **Motion #2** by Fister, second by Schaffer to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Club House and Lodge. **Motion #3** by McWhorter, second by Fister to purchase a window unit air conditioner for the President's office not to exceed \$200. President Burke stated that in May he had authorized the purchase of an air conditioner. The motion was withdrawn.

Constitution and ByLaws. No report.

Farm. Ben Riffell reported on the farm activities.

Finance. Ted Enderle offered no report.

Security. Claude Jacobs offered no report.

Wildlife and Natural Resources. Rick Allen handed out a draft of the Deer Herd Management Regulations and Procedures for 2004. Mr. Allen noted that September 9th and 16th, 2004 would be mandatory orientation meetings for deer hunters. Joel McClintock expressed concern about the increase in the deer hunt fee proposed in the regulations and procedures. There was much discussion by the Board on this topic. **Motion #4** by Fister, second by Rice to charge \$40 plus general hunting fee of \$25 for a Doe only and \$100 plus general hunting fee of \$25 for either sex. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Allen stated that the Wildlife and Natural Resources Committee recommended establishing a Goose and Duck hunting opportunities for the 2005-2006 hunting season. **Motion #5** by Blackburn, second Delabar to approve a goose and duck hunt on club property for the 2005-2006 hunting season. Motion passed. Mr. Allen stated that the Wildlife and Natural Resources Committee also recommended allowing the trapping of fur-bearing animals. **Motion #6** by Fister, second by Delabar to allow trapping of fur-bearing animals under the State's guidelines from December 1 through January 31 using foothold or live traps only. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Allen also mentioned that he and Ben Riffell, Operations Manager, are working with Kent Slusher, Forester and Peggy Welch, a Biology Teacher at West Jessamine High School for the Biology class to adopt a sinkhole on BGSL property. Mr. Allen noted that this project is presently in the planning stages.

Youth Committee. Secretary Greg Delabar reported on the upcoming youth activities including the Primitive Camp and Hike on September 18th and 19th, 2004.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance Review Status. President Burke presented the insurance report that will be sent out to prospective bidders for BGSL insurance coverage. President Burke noted that the present insurance company had assessed the BGSL an additional \$4500 premium in July and that the insurance will possibly increase by \$12,000 in the next fiscal year.

Trail Riding Status. President Burke recommended striking this topic from the agenda.

BGSL Foundation. President Burke distributed the proposed Articles of Incorporation for the BGSL Foundation. President Burke noted that the date for the Banquet and Auction has been set for October 23, 2004.

NRA Technical Team Report. President Burke distributed the NRA Technical Team Report.

Audit. President Burke distributed copies of the BGSL audit performed by Welch and Company for the period September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003.

Kitchen Health Inspection President Burke reported that the Health Department re-inspected the kitchen and the score was 100.

Nominating Committee. President Burke announced that there are still openings for nominations for Directors at Large. President Burke noted that anyone interested in these positions should contact Rick Allen.

NEW BUSINESS

On-Line Banking. President Burke reported that Quickbooks now offers credit

card services as well as on-line invoicing for \$800 more a year. Ralph Kern asked if the current billing was a problem. Ted Enderle and Dan Fister both mentioned that they had many calls regarding the use of postcards to invoice the customers. Dan Fister asked if they sell their mailing lists to other organizations. **Motion #7** by Blackburn, second by Fister to approve the on-line invoicing offered by Quickbooks pending finding out whether they sell their mailing lists. Motion carried unanimously.

State 4-H Shoot September 18 and 19. President Burked noted that the State 4-H Shoot would be held at the BGSL ranges on September 18 and 19 with over 600 young participants.

Amnesty Report. President Burke reported that from April to August 31, 2004, 60 members have re-joined the BGSL under the amnesty program. Claude Jacobs suggested that the program be extended to the end of the year (2004).

Motion #8 by Blackburn, second by Kern to extend the amnesty program one month until September 30, 2004. Motion passed unanimously.

Signature Cards. President Burke stated that the new signature card form is available for the Divisions that are changing officers. Ted Enderle encouraged the Divisions to only have the signature of the president and treasurers of the division. Greg Delabar also reminded the Divisions that the list of Officers needs to be submitted after the new division officers have been elected.

Division Treasurer's Report. President Burke reported that some of the Division's Treasurer's Report have some discrepancies in balancing with the bank statement.

Treasurer's Meeting. President Burke informed the Board that a mandatory Treasurer's Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Capital Budget Meeting. President Burke informed the Board that the Capital Budget Meeting will be held on September 22, 2004 at 7 p.m.

Rental of Trailer. President Burke stated that a part-time employee of the BGSL has inquired about renting the trailer. This employee planned to be in the area for 3-4 years. President Burke stated that he was going to offer to rent the trailer for \$200/month with a 1-year lease. Terry Hager stated that \$200 was too cheap and suggested \$300. **Motion #9** by Hager, second by Jacobs, to rent the trailer for \$300 per month with a one-year lease. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business. President Burke expressed gratitude to the other Board members for all of their assistance and hard work during the last two years.

Motions:

Motion #10 by Shaeffer, second by Rice to allow Jessamine County 4-H to use the #4 Pistol Pit on September 13, 2004 and the Muzzle Loader Range on September 14, 2004 for practice with 22 pistols and muzzleloader rifles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #11 by Sanson, second by Inman, to reschedule the September Open Centerfire Bench Rest Date from Sunday September 19, 2004 to Sunday, September 26, 2004. Motion passed unanimously

Motion #12 by Blackburn, second by Kern, to allow the Trap Division to purchase targets at a price not to exceed \$6.50 a case. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #13 by Blackburn, second by Kern to allow the Trap Division to purchase 100 silver dollars for prizes for registered shoots. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #14 by Kern, second by Morgan to allow the United Parcel Service Corporation to use the Skeet and Sporting Clays Division Facilities for a Corporate Shoot Day on Saturday, October 16, 2004. Event to be run by the Division. Event to include Club Fee and non-member fees for fields. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #15 by Delabar, second by Jacobs to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

MUZZLE LOADING DIVISION

Bryan Station Muzzleloaders

At the August shoot, we had twelve shooters. It was a beautiful day for shooting. The aggregate winner was Jeanette Hillard. We elected new officers. The President is Alan Shaeffer, 1st Vice President is Jeremy Horn, 2nd Vice President is John Harrod, Treasurer is Harrison McMillen, Secretary is Jeanette Hillard, and Directors are Bruce Shaeffer and Archie Hillard. We now have a pistol shoot the fourth Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. and the fourth Sunday is our open rifle shoot at 1:00 p.m. Come out and have some fun with us.

Everyone is welcome.

Jeanette Hillard
859-748-0499

BGSL YOUTH COMMITTEE

(S.C.O.P.E.) Calendar – October 2004
Bring-A-Kid / Teach-A-Kid

September 24th & 25th KY Hunter Safety Education Class
 6PM Friday Evening @ the Main BGSL Clubhouse

October 2nd Muzzle Loader

Deer Hunt Registration & Qualification
 Squirrel Rifle Shoot 10 AM @ the General Purpose Range

October 8th, 9th & 10th Youth Deer Hunt & Deer Camp
 Squirrel Rifle Shoot 10 AM @ the General Purpose Range

November 6th Centerfire Rifle

December 4th Wild Game Dinner

As always S.C.O.P.E. and BGSL youth events are open to you and any friends, families and groups that you want to bring or let know about our program. (Feel free to pass this flyer along to anyone you may feel is interested.) And there are usually no costs. Come on down to the club and let's have some fun!

All LKS Squirrel Rifle shoots start at 10:00 AM. For more info on any of these events Please call or email the Committee.

Events may be changed or added as opportunities arise. To stay informed and up to date with the S.C.O.P.E. program, e-mail for a monthly e-mail newsletter.

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PISTOL DIVISION

BGSL Foundation Day: On Saturday, October 23, the pistol division will have five stages setup for pistol matches – IPSC, Bullseye, IDPA, Cowboy and Glock. The event will be from Noon to 4 p.m. The fee is \$10 with all proceeds going to the foundation.

This will be a great opportunity to experience each of the competitive pistol shooting sports. Guns and ammunition will be supplied. Just bring eye and ear protection. If you bring your own pistol, we operate a cold range. Loading is only permitted under the supervision of a range officer. Do not bring loaded pistols onto the ranges.

USPSA/IPSC: There was no match in September. October 3 will be the next match. Contact: Barry West, (859) 885-9710 or e-mail: vikingtactical@alltel.net.

BULLSEYE: Nine shooters participated in the September match. Marvin Dillely was the overall match winner and Paul DeMichele was first in expert class. The next and final match of 2004 is on Sunday, October 10th. Practice matches continue to be held on Wednesday at the Pistol Range at 6:00 p.m. It is a great time to get in 90 rounds of practice at 25 and 50 yards both with .22 and other pistol calibers. Contact: Glen Wood, (859) 492-4688 or glenwood@clarkmhc.com.

IDPA: August match hosted 27 shooters and the September match 37. Four courses of fire in the September match were from the Indiana State Match. The next match will be Saturday, October 16. Contact: Lin Edwards, (859) 273-2768 or rledwards@att.net.

COWBOY: Eighteen cowboys and cowgirls shot in the July match. Two of the shooters included a father and daughter: Lucky Lee Roy and Shanghi Shorty. This young cowgirl of 11 years of age was poised and confident in her gun handling and shooting accuracy. The next match will be Sunday, October 28. Contact: Brian Woodford, (859) 492-6178 or brianwoodford@clarkmhc.com@hotmail.com.

GLOCK: The Glock sponsored Regional Match will be held on October 30,31. Signups begin at 8:30 on both days. This annual regional typically hosts over 300 shooters, making it one, if not the largest, of the Glock regional matches in the U.S. BGSL has one of the best sites for such an event. In addition to a large number of BGSL shooters, folks travel from all over the U.S. to attend this premier match. Contact: Jeremy Kifer, (859) 576-6856 or jkifer@msn.com.

Officers and directors for 2005: Lin Edwards, President; Paul DeMichele, Vice President; Byron Daniel, Secretary; Kevin Carroll, Treasurer; Steve Sutherland, Director; and Mike Foley, Director.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Byron Daniel, Secretary

ARCHERY DIVISION

Monthly archery meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of every month. 7PM at Archery clubhouse. BGSL members are welcome to come and shoot on the archery range during normal club hours. Please only shoot broadheads into the large 50-yard target. Division is raffling off seven yellow handled Case XX knives including a beautiful display case. Tickets available at monthly BGSL meeting, main clubhouse or any archery meeting or event. \$5/ticket.

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Blue Grass Sportsmen's League Outreach Foundation 1ST ANNUAL BANQUET

October 23, 2004
6 PM at the BGS� Main Clubhouse
Some shooting venues start at Noon

The BGS� is setting up a non-profit foundation for its membership to provide lots of things for the future of the club and the shooting sports. Mainly, equipment, instruction and support for BGS�'s expanding membership, youth and women's programs. Along with the many outside program's that we now support here on the club grounds. This is something that has been talked about in the past several years by a lot of fine folks throughout the general membership of the BGS�.

The Banquet is designed to provide the participants with fun and raise monies for the Outreach Foundation. It is setup like most fund raising banquets (NRA, NWTF, DU, RMEF etc...) that we support as a club, but this time we will keep the money here inside the club grounds and get 100% for the Foundation. There will be games and auctions, both live and silent. A fine meal and lots of special prizes and things that can only be obtained from this event. This will be the first of many annual events to support this great cause.

There will also be some shooting events going on throughout the day with the Pistol Division, Skeet & Sporting Clays Division and the Trap Division. Hopefully we will have more by the time the Banquet nears. So you can make a day of it with your family and or friends.

Tickets are available at the October General Membership Meeting and through the BGS� Office Administrator or by reaching Greg Delabar, Clay Caudill, Judy Piazza or John Burke; all are listed in the newsletter BGS� contacts. Costs will be \$25 each, \$45 per couple and \$150 sponsorships.

BGS� WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Ladies,

Are you interested in a women's program at the BGS�? If so, please meet me at BGS� Main clubhouse October 9th at 2 PM for an organizational meeting. We will discuss the structure of the program and set some activities and dates.

This is something that the club is missing and has needed for a long time. Presently we will limit this meeting to BGS� members to get it up and running, then to members and their guests and finally open to the public. We have some work to do, and should have support from the BGS� Board.

Gentlemen, if your wives don't read the newsletter, please pass this article along to them as soon as possible. If you would like to be involved, please attend the meeting on the 9th. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Rebecca Young at 859-887-3464, if no answer, please leave a message and I will get right back to you. We can do this!

Hope to see you there,

Rebecca Young
BGS� Director @ Large



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