

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My fellow Sportsmen,

It is my favorite time of the year, fall and hunting season. The woods come alive and the fields bristle with activity and the club activity picks up a notch or two. This is what a lot of sportsmen live for. The fall colors and cooler temps get me out as much as possible and Blue Grass is where I go. As far as I'm concerned, Handy's Bend is as good as it gets.

This time of year is also time for the budget process here at the club. While it is over for now, it is not a process for everybody. It takes time to understand the unique business of a private sportsmen's club. A lot of folks like to give input there are few who understand it in its entirety. As the club has grown, so has its budget. While we need to be wise with our expenses we need to cover those expenses with our member dues and we need to look farther down the financial road (more than 1 year). To my knowledge, this has never happened with this process at Handy's Bend. This year, we did look at the budget through the next 3 years and it was not pretty. As good as we did last year we still supplemented each member's dues with other income and the savings account. We spent almost nothing on capital items and had to defer several items this year. We can only put off some of these items for so long (things ware out).

At the September board meeting, the board passed a motion to "recommen" that the membership at its next meeting, raise the BGS� yearly dues to \$125. The process was started at the October meeting as the members present voted to change the By-Laws to do just that. This process will take 3 meetings to reach a conclusion and if passed will take effect in January 2006. At the December meeting, the By-Laws change will be read for the 3rd time and the floor will be open for discussion. This is where and when you as members will have the opportunity to discuss the change and offer opinion as well as vote on the change. It takes a simple majority to pass or fail the motion.

Also at the September meeting, the board passed a motion to raise the initiation fee for new members to \$175 effective November 1st. So by the time you read this newsletter, it will cost a new member \$275 to join the club. This will make it a bit tougher to recruit but still the BGS� membership is the best value a sportsman can acquire. To put it in perspective, new members first year will cost them 75 cents a day. If the dues increase goes into effect in January. It will be 82 cents a day. And by the way, at \$100 per year dues your cost of membership is 27 cents a day. With an increase to \$125 it would be 34 cents a day, still a great value! Please make plans to attend the monthly meetings and keep up with the business of the club.

You are "BLUE GRASS"! Hope to see you at the club! (With a guest)!

At Your Service,
Greg Delabar
president@bgslinc.com

MUZZLE LOADING DIVISION

We had a good turnout for the September open shoot. The aggregate winner was Harold Moore with several other shooters winning by placing on the individual targets. The division cook-out also held in September was a success with a lot of members attending. There was plenty of good food and everyone seemed to enjoy the event, especially the younger folks.

We have an open shoot the fourth Sunday of each month and any one interested is cordially invited to attend. If you are new to the sport, attending our open shoot is a good opportunity to learn from some of the experienced shooters.

Next Meeting

Tuesday — Nov. 1, 7:30pm

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

One of most dedicated shooters, Harrison McMillen has had some recent health problems and we want to wish him a speedy recovery from his surgery. After all, what would a shoot be without him! For information on the open shoots, call Archie Hillard at 859-748-0499.

Submitted by:
Jeanette Hillard
Division Secretary

BASS DIVISION

On Sept. 17th, the Bass Division hosted a youth tournament, for the youth division at Cedar Creek Lake. The idea was for the Bass Division to furnish the boats and expertise, and the youth division would furnish the kids and lunch. Each of the kids got to fish out of a bass boat and get a taste of what tournament fishing is like. Some of these kids were not beginners and were very good fishermen. After fishing we had the weigh-ins and lunch. It was a lot of fun for everyone and hopefully there were some seeds of interest planted for the future. Thanks to the youth division for letting us be part of this event.

October 1st and 2nd the Division went to 'Rough River' for the last regular tournament of the year. It was a weekend of disappointments, lessons learned, successful fishing and a lot of fun.

The disappointment came Saturday night. Everyone had waited all week for a bowl of chili prepared by our world famous chili chef, "Bob Walker." But, NO! There was no chili. Everyone now had a craving for chili that had grown to the level of obsession. We had to go out and find some inferior chili to satisfy those insistent cravings, but it just wasn't the same.

When it comes to lessons learned, Irv learned that it is not wise to poke a sleeping shark with a sharp stick, especially not a team of sharks that had not had their chili.

The fishing was tough, but good. You had to work for what you got, but there were some nice fish caught.

The fun part came from beginning to end. Everyone had a good time, and every team weighed fish. One word of advice, if you ever go to Rough River, beware of the fork in the road. They look an awful lot like right turns.

The tournament winners were the team of Bobby Brinegar and Harold Rhodus. Second was Mike Kass and Claude Jacobs, third was the shark team of Bob Walker and John Lingenfelter. big fish went to Irv Shelton.

Tune in next month to find out who wins the "Classic and Fisherman of the year" honors. That is, unless Irv tells you first.

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BLUE GRASS SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE
Board of Directors - Minutes
September 27, 2005

1. ROLL CALL

President Greg Delabar called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Secretary Terry Hager called the roll and a quorum was present.

2. READING OF MINUTES

Motion #1 by Kass, second by Maness to dispense with reading the minutes and accept as written. Motion carried unanimously.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer John Burke presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion #2 by Maness, second by Kass to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Delabar welcomed the new Board members. President Delabar asked the Board Members to consider their committee assignments for the 05-06 year. President Delabar reminded Board members that they should continue to review the Constitution and Bylaws for recommended changes.

5. OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Operations Manager Ben Riffell reported that the clubhouse sealant is complete. Mr. Riffell stated that the 4-H Event had over 750 shooters. Mr. Riffell reported that the skeet vendor is now operating again.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Hager reviewed the attrition report. President Delabar noted that the Drop List for May and June 2005 was included in the packet.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security Claude Jacobs stated that the Security Committee is working on the Front Gate Proposal and security duties for operations personnel.

Finance Treasurer Burke reported that a Treasurer's Meeting will be held on October 15, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

Farm Terry Hager reported that the amount of hay sold in September was \$3,000. Dr. Blackburn asked if the hay income was more this year than last. John Burke stated that the hay income over the last two years went from \$27,000 to \$45,000.

Constitution and By-Laws - Steve Cox stated that he needs members to serve on this committee that will review the changes proposed to the constitution and by-laws.

Wildlife and Natural Resources Ben Riffell reported that the lake had recently been stocked with assistance from the Handy's Bend Chapter of NWF. President Delabar announced that the Wildlife and Natural Resources Committee would be placed under the Farming Operations.

Clubhouse and Lodge Claude Jacobs stated they are looking into getting a draft of a lease agreement for the rental of the white house and the trailer. Steve Cox stated he has some sample rental agreements that the Clubhouse could use.

Youth Committee President Delabar reported that he was looking for someone to volunteer to represent the youth at the Board Meeting.

OWL Committee President Delabar reported that the OWL calendar of events is on the table in the front lobby.

Trails Committee - Steve Martin reported no report.

Training Committee - Brenn Combs requested Board members from other divisions to serve on the committee. Mike Kass asked if this committee would be looking at the Law Enforcement training issue. Mr. Combs said that was one of the tasks of the Committee.

Membership President Delabar no report.

Member Services/Special Events No report.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Motion from August 26, 2005 Meeting.

The tabled motion from the August 29, 2005 Board of Directors meeting regarding a proposed dues increase was brought to the table by President Delabar. Dan Fister stated that this was not a valid motion because the Directors that made the motion were no longer on the Board. The motion died for a lack of second.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. Operating Budget for 2005/2006. Treasurer Burke presented the Operating Budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Jamie Piotrowski asked how the club could operate in the red. Dan Fister stated that if you removed the depreciation figures that there would be a positive cash flow. Motion #3 by Burke, second by Fister to approve the proposed 2005-2006 operating budget. There was much discussion by Board members. Mike Pinkston asked for a roll call vote for approval of the budget. Motion #3 by Burke, second by Fister to approve the proposed 2005-2006 operating budget with a vote of 18-4. Motion passed.

2. Capital Expense Budget

Treasurer Burke presented 2005-2006 Capital Expense Budget. Treasurer Burke stated that the Capital Expense Budget was voted on by the Officers and Directors At Large at the September 13, 2005 Capital Budget Meeting. Treasurer Burke reminded the Board Members that if the Capital Expense Budget was approved, the Divisions requesting the capital expense would have to come back to the Board for a second approval of the expense. Motion #4 by Burke, second by Morgan to accept the Capital Expense Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Dues Calculator Discussion

Treasurer Burke presented a 3-year forecast of the budget if the dues remained at the existing level. Dr. Blackburn stated that the BGSL was giving away its membership at the \$100 level and they can't continue to run the club in the red. Mike Pinkston stated that he would rather cut back on services than raise the dues. Dr. Blackburn stated that the budget that just passed was a barebones budget and the club cannot operate for much less. President Delabar asked what services should be cut out or eliminated. Walter Bowman stated that membership in the BGSL is a bargain compared to other facilities. Steve Martin asked if the hay could be leased out. John Burke stated that they leased the hay before and the income was not even close to the \$16,000 earned to date and the grass only got mowed once. Motion #5 by Burke, second by Blackburn to increase the initiation fee to \$175 effective November 1, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #6 by Blackburn, second by Burke to recommend that the general membership alter the by-laws to raise yearly dues to \$125.00. Mike Pinkston asked for a roll call vote. Motion #6 by Blackburn, second by Burke to recommend that the general membership alter the by-laws to raise yearly dues to \$125.00 passed with a vote of 18-4. Steve Cox asked if the presentation on October 4, 2005 could include the budget presentation and slides that was presented to the Board tonight. President Delabar stated that the budget would be present to the general membership as it was to the Board.

Motion #7 by Fister, second by Jacobs to amend the fiscal policy of the BGSL so that current assets shall be maintained at a level of \$187,000 replacing the requirement of maintaining six months operating expenses in current assets for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. The purpose of this motion is to allow the Board of Directors to come into compliance with the standing fiscal policy and recommend solutions to the general membership to come into compliance. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Committee Assignments. President Delabar asked that each Board member consider which committee they would like to be a part of prior to the October 25, 2005 Board meeting.

5. Board ID Badges. This item was tabled until the next Board meeting.

6. Motions:

Motion #8 by Pinkston, second by Shaeffer to allow the Elkhorn Paddlers Association the use of the camping bottoms on October 10, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #9 by Kass, second by Jacobs to indemnify the officers and directors of the previous board for its actions during the previous fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #10 by Cox, second by Piotrowski to authorize the Airgun Division to hold an open shoot on the third Sunday of each month from October 2005 through September 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #11 by Combs, second by Gehlbach to allow the following open events for the pistol division:

IDPA match on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday of October, November, December, 2005 and January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August and September 2006.

USPSA/IPSC Match on first Sunday of October 2005 through September 2006.

SASS Match on Fourth Sunday of October 2005 to September 2006.

GSSF Bluegrass Regional Match - October 29-30, 2005.

Bullseye Match-Second Sunday of October 2005 to September 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #12 by Sanders, second by Blackburn to allow the Trap Division to have open shoots on the first and third Sunday in November, 2005, December 2005, January 2006 and February 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #13 by Inman, second by Shaeffer to approve the following events for the Muzzleloader Divisions: Open Shoots for the following dates: October 23, 2005, November 27, 2005, January 22, 2006, February 26, 2006, March 26, 2006, April 23, 2006, May 28, 2006, June 25, 2006, July 23, 2006, August 27, 2006 and September 24, 2006. Rendezvous September 22 through September 24, 2006. Camp and shoot fees will be charged. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #14 by Martin, second by Pinkston, to allow Pointer/Setter Division open events on November 5, 2005, November 19, 2005, December 3, 2005, December 17, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #15 by Hager, second by Jacobs, to spend up to \$12,000 for a used farm truck. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #16 by Burgess, second by Maness to approve spending \$600 for archery target. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #17 by Hager, second by Morgan to approve the Farm Committee to purchase up to \$15,000 for Cow-Calf operation in October, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #18 by Kass, second by Jacobs to allocate up to \$8,000 for the purchase and installation of a new card access system, gate operated and call box as allocated in the capital budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #19 by Barnes, seconded by Mulcahy to install new power lines for the skeet and sport-shooting clays division. These lines will be used for a future 5-stand and battery charging station. Expenses to come out of Division's budget. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

RIFLE DIVISION

The Rifle Division held its seventh and final high-power competition of the year on 8 October. Overall winner was Bill Alverson with a 758-15. Robert Hopkins was first expert/Sharpshooter/ Marksman with a 747-8. Thanks to everyone who came out this year; we plan to do it again in 2006, hopefully as NRA Approved matches. Our web-site is: <http://home.earthlink.net/~bgsl.high-power>." We are going to try to update it to include a discussion of the sport (history, course of fire, equipment required, etc.) for the benefit of newcomers when time permits.

Thanks,
Bill Alverson

BGSL YOUTH COMMITTEE (S.C.O.P.E.) Calendar - November 2005 Bring-A-Kid / Teach-A-Kid

This fall has been a busy season for the youth of the club. We finished our LKS shoots, October 8th. We had a muzzleloader shoot, a catfish tournament, an overnight camp, and a dove shoot.

The youth deer hunt was a great hit to both the kids and the adults. We had over one dozen hunters and almost everybody saw deer. There were many close calls this year, including one close encounter with a coyote. Aubrey Richardson, hunting with his dad Greg Richardson, shot two deer this year with his 20 gauge shotgun. He shot a palmanated 11 point buck and a doe. He was the only hunter that harvested a deer. Congratulations Aubrey!! The weather was cool and overcast, perfect weather for hunting. Thanks to all the people who helped to make this event a success.

The upcoming events include-
Centerfire rifle- November 5th

We will serve lunch at 12:00 and the shooting will start at 1:00.

Wild Game Dinner- December 3rd

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!

To stay informed and up to date with the S.C.O.P.E. program, email for a monthly email newsletter.

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SKEET AND SPORTING CLAYS

Following are the newly posted hours of operation for the Skeet and Sporting Clays Division. The token vendor operating on Skeet field two should be available at other times when the hours below are not in effect. There may be other occasional unlisted times when the division is open for special events that would prevent the use of the token vendor. These events would usually be on Saturdays.

Tuesday evening: 6 till 10 P.M. Skeet only. Limited to club members only or club members with a guest who holds a \$10 guest pass. A volunteer division member opens up the range and club house so the opening time is variable depending on the volunteers schedule.

Thursday evening: 4:30 till 10:30 P.M. Skeet, wobble and 50 bird sporting clays. This is an open event night. We will probably discontinue the wobble and sporting clays after the time change because it will be too dark to play anything but "ghost stories".

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. till 3:30 P.M. Skeet, Sporting Clays and wobble. We are reducing the hours here because most people have left the ranges by 3:00 P.M. If there are four or more shooters that still want to use the Skeet and wobble then Bruce will remain open for them. If you want to stay later than that and there are only 3 or fewer shooters, use the vendor. Remember that if you want to shoot sporting clays you should arrive at the range no later than 2:00 P.M. because we will send the trappers home at that time if there is no one signed up for a sporting clays squad.

OTHER NEWS

BGSL Electronic Security Gate

The front electronic gate that has been waiting to be moved to the new entrance is in the works and will be in operation soon. It will be a process to get everyone on the new cards that will activate the gate. Look for more information in the near future and at the next general meeting. The new gate will operate a little differently than the old gate as it will open and close the actual gate itself. All members will need their gate cards when they arrive at the club. We will have to change out all the old cards that slide through the old reader to the new proximity card that you wave by the reader. We will publish this process in the next newsletter and hopefully have the gate up and operating by the 1st of the year and maybe sooner.

By-Laws Change / Membership Dues Increase

At the September general membership meeting, the members present approved a motion to change the By-Laws to increase the yearly membership dues. The motion came from the floor and was passed by a voice vote and it was unanimous. The motion was to raise the membership dues from \$100 per year to \$125 per year. The motion will be read at the next General meeting in November and again in December. At the December meeting the floor will be open for discussion and a final vote will take place. This is the time to be here and participate in the process.

BGSL Operation Hours

The front gate hours change to 8 AM to 6 PM for the winter operation hours through the end of March. It is also the time of year that we winterize and close down the BGSL Bathhouse by the General Purpose Range.

BGSL Hunting Opportunities

If you are interested in hunting opportunities there is an orientation and qualification class at the Main Clubhouse Saturday October 29th from 10 AM through 1 PM. This orientation will cover the remaining hunting season on the BGSL to include the modern gun season and archery. All hunters must attend an orientation. **Hunter Ed (orange cards) are required** by all hunting BGSL.

Fees for hunting the club are \$25 for small game (all hunters **must** enroll in small game program). Big game fees are \$60 for doe's and \$100 for bucks, limit 2 deer per hunter.

Equipment is limited to shotgun slugs and side lock muzzle loaders [no in-lines] for deer and shotguns only for small game.

Qualification for firearms will be at 50 yards with 2 out of 3 shots with the arms you plan to hunt with.

State Regulations apply to all hunting.

Gate hours will remain as set by operations, hunters can purchase gate keys at a \$5 non-refundable charge.

Additional information contact Ronnie Young at 859.887.3464

BGSL Shotgun Sports Equipment

The BGSL has a very diverse and one of the finest shotgun venues in central KY and a large investment in the equipment. While all the targets, traps, equipment and facilities belong to all of us, their use is restricted. The only times that the sporting clays equipment can be used is when the S & SC's Division has the venue up and running. The club provides coin operated vendors at skeet field #2 and trap field #1 and also hand traps at both venues to throw your own targets.

In the recent past we've had someone or more than one access and use equipment and supplies on the Sporting Clays Ranges. This has resulted in damage to the equipment and club targets being shot up. Not to mention the lost revenue and expense of a gate that had to be installed to restrict access.

In order to protect the assets of the BGSL shotgun venue, anyone caught or reported using this equipment without permission or outside of the scheduled operating times will face serious conduct charges before the BGSL Board of Directors acting as Trial Committee.

Greg Delabar
BGSL President

Good Neighbors

The speed limit on Handy's Bend Rd is 25 miles per hour. There is only 1 speed limit sign that says any different and it reads 35. I believe it is a mistake and should read 25 but that is up to someone else. We as good neighbors of this community need to do the right thing and respect the fine folks who live on Handy's Bend. This where their kids and pets play and we will be good neighbors and control our speed both coming to and going home from the club.

The speed limit on the BGSL club grounds is 20 MPH everywhere. The road through the Pointer & Setter Division is 10 MPH. Please observe.

Blue Grass Sportsman Trails

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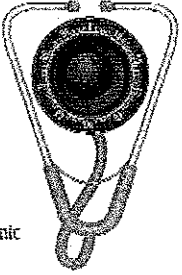
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