

Sportsman Trails

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9th Annual Family Fun Days June 2nd, 3rd and Fourth



This event is sponsored by the LKS and NTWF and is open to anyone. Join us Friday evening for a potluck dinner and Saturday morning with breakfast. The entire day is stacked full of shooting sports and other events. Saturday evening is a HUGE pig roast, mmm... Sure is GOOD! This is one of the biggest events for the BGS� all year. Five meals, all equipment provided and no cost. So, bring your campers, tents and a hungry belly on down for a good time. This event is funded by donations and any are appreciated.

Fun, Camping, Fishing, Shooting, Fun, Archery, Black Powder Muzzle Loading, Fun, Tomahawks, Fun, Conservation Education, Bio-Diversity Bus, Fun, Hay Rides, Campfire, Smores, Clinics, Fun

This event is an annual and has always been held at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League. This will be our 9th and promises to be the biggest and best. We camp (not required but recommended); we try to open as many venues of the club as possible. We bring in several different conservation education venues. The opportunity to meet people from the sporting community and learn from people from the conservation community is unsurpassed. We look forward to seeing everybody at this one! You don't want to miss it!

May Calendar

- 1st
General membership Meeting
 - 5th
Women on Target; ATA Shoot; New Member Orientation 9 a.m.
 - 6th
ATA Shoot; USPSA/IPSC 9 a.m.; Muzzle Loader Silver Shoot 1:30 p.m.
 - 11th
Pistol Training AP-1
 - 12th
Rifle Hi Power Match; Pistol Training AP-1; Youth Reactive Target Shoot 11 a.m.
 - 13th
Pistol Training AP-2; Bullseye 2700 8 a.m.
 - 14th
Pistol Training AP-2
 - 16th
Pistol Training AP-1
 - 17th
Pistol Training AP-1
 - 19th
EJMS-NASP; New Member Orientation 9:30 a.m.; IDPA
 - 20th
Airgun Open Shoot; Rifle 200 yd Benchrest Match; Conceal Carry Class; ATA Shoot
 - 27th
Cowboy Action SASS 9:30 a.m.; Muzzle Loaders Open Shoot 1:30 p.m.
 - 29th
Board Meeting
- Sheet & Sporting Clays open shoots every Thur. from 2 to 10 p.m. & Sat. & Sun. from 10 a.m.

True Sportsmanship

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Kudos to Jamie Allen who, at the general membership meeting in April, donated a "Hawken" style muzzle-loader to the BGS� Youth. Jamie had recently been awarded the rifle for her outstanding achievements in the Youth Incentive Program.

Jamie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Allen and is a junior at Henry Clay High School where she participates in ROTC. Many may recall that Jamie was BGS�'s first Junior Sportsman of the Year. This year, Jamie was the recipient of the Central Kentucky Youth Leadership award. Besides being an active member of BGS�, Jamie is active in Kentucky



Grouse Hunters Association, NWTF and Quail Forever. Jamie is an LKS Delegate for Kentucky Grouse Hunters Association. Her dad, Rick Allen, tells ST that Jamie

has been hunting and fishing since she was 7 years old. She likes to hunt, fish, shoot, and ride horses in her spare time. (It's amazing she has any free time.) Hats off to you, Jamie.

From the Secretary's Pen

General Purpose Range



By: Terry Hager, BGS� Secretary

Just a reminder that the General Purpose Range is a single projectile range. You may shoot slugs only in your shotguns at this range. If you want to pattern a shotgun with shot shells, there is a pattering board at the Trap Range to the right just beyond the wooden fence.

Blue Grass Sportsmen's League

Letter to the Editor

The BGS� Board of Directors voted unanimously to publish the following letter as an op-ed piece in ST. Send letters, opinions and stories on topics relating to our club and our sport to bgslnews@insightbb.com. - ST Editor.

To the Directors
Bluegrass Sportsmen's League
2500 Handy's Bend Rd.
Wilmore, KY 40390

Gentlemen:

For the past five years, I have been on the Board of Directors of BGS�. For the past year and a half I have been a Director at Large as well as a member of the executive committee. During this time, I have become more and more concerned about the financial status of our League. I asked Sam Brown, my friend, an accountant, and a club member, to review our financial status. His assessment of our status is attached and I concur with his conclusions.

William E Blackburn

Gentlemen:

My name is Sam Brown. I am a certified public accountant and manage a public accounting firm consisting of some twenty-five employees. I have been a member of BGS� since the days when it was located on Richmond Rd. in Lexington. There was a period of approximately eight years, in which I dropped out of the club, having rejoined the club three or four years ago under the amnesty program. The last two years, I have become active in the Skeet & Sporting Clays division, and hold the office of treasurer for that division. It was through that relationship and my friendship with Dr. Bill Blackburn that I became interested in the finances of the "big club".

All tax-exempt organizations' tax returns are available to the public. BGS� is a 501(c)7 organization, which, in laymen's terms, is a social club. It is treated no differently than a member-owned golf country club and the only tax-exempt method of raising money for operating expenses is through dues. After reviewing the club's tax return, I was startled to see that we had an operating loss of some \$130,000! Further inquiries provided that this level of operating loss is the rule, not the exception. For fiscal year 2006-2007, the club budgeted an operating loss of \$61,000. Since the sale of the property on Richmond Rd. for some \$2.4 million, the club equity has been reduced to roughly \$1.8 million, or a loss of some \$600,000 in operating reserve. How can that happen? Easy: spend the club's cash reserves instead of raising dues to cover operating expenses and depreciation over a period of fifteen years!

Current cash reserves, which include the separate divisions' funds, barely equal \$75,000. We have about \$120,000 in our Dupree account, or about ten weeks of operating reserve. The club does own a small cattle herd, and has roughly \$120,000 in tobacco fund proceeds, which will be received over the next 7 years.

Based on my observation, we have roughly 2,300 members that pay \$125 per year in annual dues for membership revenue of \$287,500. Yet our expense budget is in excess of \$500,000. How long can we continue to operate? When one questions the current operating plan, the response has been: "We need more members!" This comment was reconfirmed in the latest newsletter. To break even we would need roughly 1,700 new members, or a 74% increase in membership!

We have just completed a \$30,000 renovation of the air rifle range, general purpose range, pistol range, rifle range and muzzle loader range. We are still facing at least \$30,000 in lead remediation for this project. Our roads are in poor shape. We need a new roof and new tile floor in the main clubhouse. Our tractors, mowers and trucks are worn out. We will have significant capital expenditures over the next several years. These necessary capital expenditures far exceed our available reserves.

Earlier I mentioned country clubs. That is exactly what we are. Instead of golf clubs, we shoot shotguns, rifles, run bird dogs, and cast a plug. It is for that privilege that we have to pay the price to keep our facility in useable condition. Solution: the dues need to be increased to \$225 per year, and the board of directors (ELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP) needs to have the discretion in the future to raise dues and provide for special assessments in order to run the club in a business-like manner. If you, as a member, don't like a board member's direction or fiscal policy, you simply vote them out of office.

For the price of two "Happy Meals" a month, we can have a club that is on firm fiscal ground and can be maintained in a manner that we can be proud of.

Are there alternatives? You bet: Sell part of the land, mortgage the property, sell all of the land and move to a smaller acreage. Or raise the dues to \$1,000 a year and seek 500 members. Priced a golf membership lately?

Both Dr. Blackburn and I want to face problems head on; our club cannot continue to operate at deficit levels. We must act while we have some financial reserve and develop a business plan that is based on sound fiscal policy. A dues increase is the only reasonable option that is available.

Sincerely,

Sam K. Brown, William E. Blackburn, MD

From the BGSL Chaplain

I have been a fisherman all of my life. Well, at least since about age five. That's well over fifty years of experience; you would think I would be pretty good at it by now, wouldn't you? Good or not, I still love it!

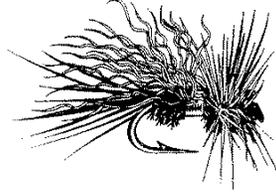
I started with a cane pole, cork bobber, sinker and red worm. Along the years I have tried most kinds of freshwater fishing, from the cane pole to bait casting, spin casting, jigging, you name it. I have been a bank fisherman, boat and canoe fisherman, and wading fisherman. But it was about thirty years ago when I discovered my true passion: the fly rod.

At that time I was fishing with a guy who was quite a bit older than me. His name was Russ and he was one of the best fishermen I've ever known. Russ was the master of bait casting reels and caught huge bass on his secret weapon: a lure called the "Swimmin' Minnow." But Russ was not one to limit himself to one approach to angling. He had and used a wide variety of rods and reels. Among them were a couple of well used fiberglass fly rods.

My first lessons with this new found device were from the front seat of Russ' old aluminum boat. I struggled with the nine foot rod and its green floating line. Once I got the rhythm and feel of the rod and learned how to false cast, Russ taught me how to place the fly on a targeted spot and lay the line gently down on the water. In a short

while I was catching blue gill by the dozens with brightly painted cork poppers. What fun!

I never did master casting a live cricket with the fly rod like Russ could do. But I was hooked! (Yes, that was a pun, and not a bad one at that.) Within five years, I was using nothing but a fly rod. Once I discovered fishing for trout and tying my own flies there was no looking back. It is still a good day when I can go catch a bunch of blue gill on my fly rod.



Russ has been gone for several years now and I miss him; and I will always value what he taught me. What do you have to teach someone? Isn't there a kid you know that needs to learn how to fish? Or perhaps you have a friend that might find his passion if you taught him (or her) to shoot skeet? Shouldn't you be taking someone with you to the archery range? If you are a sportsman, you have something to offer to another person that could well give them the kind of enjoyment I have with my fly rod all these years.

As I write this, my friend Rick and I are getting ready for a trip to fly fish the Little River in the Great Smoky Mountains. I will tell you all about it when I see you at the club.

Blessings, Tom

Youth News



By Alison Yeager

Hey Everybody!

Things are going to be heating up for the youth this season. As you read this, several of the youth are hunting for turkeys at BGSL. They are excited and hope to bag several gobblers.

Also in April, we'll be joining the airgun division for a shoot. Come on out and see some really neat air rifles. This event will be held on April 28th beginning with lunch at 11:00am. On May 12th, a

reactive target shoot is planned. So head on out for lunch and take aim at paintballs, crackers, balloons, and milk jugs.

We've got some great things planned for Family Fun Days in June. The month of June is also going to start a series of very fun LKS squirrel rifle shoots. Start practicing because you could win some really neat trophies!

Thanks for taking time to read about the exciting events the youth are planning. Bring out anyone who is interested in shooting, because we always have a great time.

Orientation

ST spotted Terry Morgan *meandering* around with a group of new members during a Saturday orientation session. Newbies now get a grand tour of our entire awesome facility during orientation. ST thinks this is a very good thing. And there's no better man for the job than Terry Morgan. Nice job Terry!



They went thataway!

BGSL FISH FRY

Saturday June 30th

**Come on Down to the Club
and meet your fellow Sportsmen**

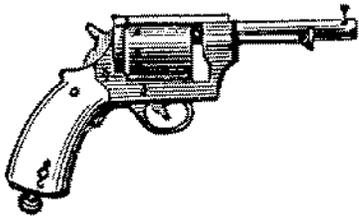
It's that time again! The annual Fish Fry will be held June 24th 5PM thru 8PM at the Main Clubhouse. This event has always been about a good time and meeting new friends. Traditionally, this is a recruiting event; we are supposed to bring friends, and neighbors, co-workers and any non-member you think would have an interest in a club membership.

Tickets are \$6.00 and can be obtained from any Director or operations personnel. You can also receive them through the mail by sending \$6 each and a SASE to: Russell Steel, 2432 Heather Way, Lexington, KY 40503.

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Pistol

By Carole Bryant, Secretary



IDPA Rain didn't discourage twelve shooters who came out for the April match. Join us for our May match on Saturday the 19th. Sign-in 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. New shooters need to be there at 9:30 for the new shooter check.

We are offering an SO training class Saturday, May 5, 2007. Please contact Lin Edwards, (859) 273-2768 or rledwards@att.net if you are interested.

IPSC/USPSA April's match hosted 29 competitors. Everyone enjoyed the new bays and the newly renovated old bays. Join us May 6 at 10:30 a.m. for our next match. There will be 4 pistol stages and one multi-gun stage. First time shooters arrive before 9:30 a.m. for safety orientation. Please contact Barry West, (859) 885-9710 or e-mail: vikingtactical@alltel.net for more information.

Bullseye: The Bullseye Pistol Range is being refurbished in prepa-

ration for our first 2007 outdoor match on the second Sunday of May. Mothers are invited to shoot free at this annual Mothers' Day Match. For more information contact Glen Wood (859) 492-4668 or glenwood@clarkmhc.com .

The Kentucky State Air Pistol Championship was contested on Saturday, March 31 at the University of Kentucky rifle range in Buell Armory. Paul Maddix won with a score of 551 + 94.1 = 645.1 edging out 2006 Champion, Ted Malone. Paul DeMichelle won the Sharpshooter class and Terry Hager was first Marksman. Among the five junior shooters Alison Yeager was State Junior C h a m p i o n a n d H i g h W o m a n .

Cowboy Twenty-nine cowpokes mosey'd down Handy's Bend for the first match of 2007 as the Fox Bend Peacemakers began their ninth year of Cowboy Action Shooting. The next match will be May 21st. Sign-ups begin at 8:00 a.m. followed by a safety briefing at 9:30. Shooting begins at 10 a.m. For more information visit: foxbend.com and sassnet.com or byrondaniel@windstream.net 859-333-9838.



Sportsman Trails Going Electronic

You have no doubt seen and read some changes to this newsletter in recent months. We have recruited an editor and given him the purview to make the creative changes necessary to make the Sportsman Trails a better publication. In order to bring the costs of this publication into line, we will be discontinuing the mailing of it to the general membership. The Trails will be posted electronically on the BGSJL website bgsjinc.com in a fashion that will allow you to read it, print it and archive it.

If you desire to have the Sportsman Trails delivered to you via the U.S. Postal Service as we always have, you will need to let us know. Please inform the BGSJL Administrative Assistant that you would require this and you will continue to receive it through the mail. The deadline for this notification will be July 1st 2007.

You will be able to request the newsletter through the mail at anytime if you make the request to the BGSJL office.

Starting June 1st, all new members will be receiving the newsletter via the website but will have the ability to sign up for the mailed version.

The Sportsman Trail

Kathy O'Neil
BGSJL Administrative Assistant
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Muzzleloaders

By Jeanette Hillard, Division Secretary

The board has approved the use of in-line muzzleloaders on the muzzle loading range. We welcome anyone with an in-line to come and shoot with us. We are throwing out a challenge (for fun) to anyone with an in-line to shoot with us at our open shoot in May, which will be May 27th. As usual, this will be off hand with open sights.

We had a great attendance at our first of the month silver shoot. It was a mixed group, with three women shooters, 2 youth shooters, and the rest were men. Should I say that the writer of this news was the scratch winner, with Glen Teater coming in a real close second for the handicap medal? With 18 shooters, this was our best turn out in several months. We all had a lot of fun and Byron was busy trying to catch 18 puffs of smoke on his camera.

Events for May are as follows: May 6th, Silver Shoot, May 19th--McConnell Springs Founders Day Event, May 27th--Open Shoot/In-Line Challenge. Our shoots will start at 1:30. Come early to practice. Lots of fun and camaraderie are waiting for you, so come on out and shoot with us. We welcome all age shooters. If you want additional information on our activities, call our current president Glen Teater @ 859-885-9941, or either of our directors, Harold Moore @859-748-5977 or John Ruland @859-492-9719.

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Fish Tales

Tournament Number 2 – Dale Hollow

This is always a good trip with nice cabins to stay in and we seem to always eat good at Dale. The cabins are right on the water, so it takes no time to launch and load the boats.

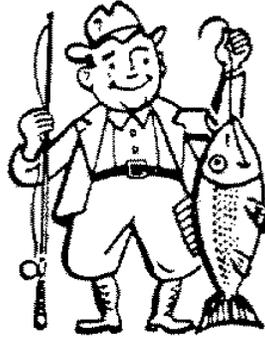
For some reason the competitive juices seem to really be flowing early this season and everyone is definitely fishing to win. This makes it a lot of fun.

Weigh-in on day one found the Shark Team, Chad and John Lingenfelter in first place with Bobby Brinegar and Harold Rhodus within easy striking distance in a comfortable second place. After a second day of hard fishing the team of Mike Kass and Claude Jacobs came from nowhere to capture first place. Nobody saw that coming. Harold Rhodus and Bobby Brinegar did overtake the day one leaders and bring home second. John and Chad did manage to hang on to third and Chad got Big Fish honors. It was a very interesting trip and I can't wait to see what happens next time at Herrington Lake.

Tournament Number 3 This time it's Herrington Lake on April 1, 2007, a very fitting date. It started out with a bit of confusion about the starting time. Some thought it was 7:00 and others were geared up for 8:00. We got that straightened out but no one told Philip Brinegar the time had changed two weeks ago, so he was try-

ing to figure out where everyone was at 4:30 in the morning. (They were in bed Philip.)

Our first Herrington Tournament of the year and everyone is excited. After all, Herrington is like home. We all know where we can always find fish at Herrington. I don't know where we get these ideas. The truth is Herrington can be the most frustrating lake in the world. It can humble you and show you just how little you know about your home lake. This was one of those days.



Good turn out, 20 participants. Weather started with rain, but by 10:00 am it cleared off and the rest of the day was beautiful. Fishing was strange.

Seems that Eric Sanders was the only one with all the answers. He came in with a 5 fish limit, and claimed first place. Gary Pearl and Bob Walker took second place and Gary had Big Fish. Third place went to our newest member, Pete Bayerle. Looks like we better

keep an eye on this guy as he has quietly moved up to seventh place over all.

Next is Nolin Lake, April 14 and 15. Everyone in the BGS� is welcome to come and fish with us. Just call anyone in the Bass Division.

Submitted by: John Lingenfelter 859-494-9586

Pointer-Setter

Riley's Fancy



By Rob Knisley

Riley was born in July of 2002 as the great grandson of Hall of Famer Bozeann's Mosley. Despite being the sole survivor among all his siblings, he has grown strong and continues to be enriched by life. He lives happily now as a member of Troy Harrington's family, spending his days running around and hunting on their property in the quiet rolling hills of the Bluegrass state.

Riley is an English Setter, a bird-dog, and a well-trained one at that! I've been out to the Harrington's and seen him and his mother Tess standing motionless at the edge of the field, pointing some unseen quarry. These dogs love to romp and play, but the business is in their blood.

I was the proud recipient of the first woodcock he flushed, and Riley's Fancy is a tribute to him and the beautiful bird he worked hard to get.

Woodcock are classified as migratory shorebirds, but are common in wooded, brush-filled habitats, much like the ruffed

grouse. Their long, pointed bill enables them to "poke around" for worms and other earth-dwelling insects. Their presence is known by the small holes in the ground with white splotches of droppings around. They hold tight to the ground, and when flushed, rise up erratically making for hard targets and desirable game for bird hunters with pointing dogs. The markings that camouflage them so well in the wild also provide the fly tier with beautiful ginger and brown/orange speckled feathers, perfect for wet fly hackles and wings. Other common names for the woodcock include timberdoodle, wood snipe, woody, and bog sucker.



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Editor's note: This article was re-printed by permission from the author. You can read the full text, and learn how to tie flies, on Mr. Knisley's website invictaflyies.us/Wet%20Flies/rileys_fancy. Photo by Troy Harrington. (Troy informed ST that Riley pointed the woodcock and Troy flushed it for the shot.) Send photos and stories about your bird dog to bgslnews@insightbb.com.

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Members Only

By Clay Caudill

The members area on the website is active. The BGS website has long been an excellent place for general information about BGS. It was targeted at providing information to prospective new members. Now we have established an area with information of interest to current members.

You will find a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, previous copies of the newsletter, Board of Directors meeting minutes and more.

While we will not post member data, or other sensitive club information, some of the what is there is not the kind of stuff we want to see on Google. So, we have some security. When you click on the Members Area link on the main page of www.bgsinc.com, a username and password required. The username is bgs, the password is sportsman. Be sure to use lower case.

Check it out and give me your comments. You will see that there is lots of growth. There will be more content added soon.

BGSblast

One of the items you will see in the members area is a sign-up for BGSblast. This is an e-mail system so that BGS can send to a large list of members easily. If you have tried to manage a large "To" list you know that this gets tough. But there is another reason – this system allows you manage your own e-mail address. There's no wondering if the information got updated – you do the updating.

To join the list go to the members area, then look for the member services link in the navigation bar on the left. You will see more information and instructions on how to get your e-mail address in the database.

This database is kept on BGS systems, and will not be sold or traded.



A Big Night for SCOPE



The April BGS General Meeting produced a surprise for the BGS Youth Committee thanks to Antique & Modern Firearms, GUNS INC and Jamie Allen. The surprise started with a generous donation from Jamie Allen.

Next, Mike Foley with **Antique & Modern Firearms**, 10 days earlier, started requesting donations for the purchase of a rifle for the SCOPE program. His efforts produced 2 rifles and 2500 rounds of .22 ammo for the program. Mike raised enough funds for 1 rifle and the ammo and a rifle donation from **Greg Pruitt from GUNS INC.** in Richmond. Mike also worked out a deal with Antique & Modern Firearms to have all the rifles of the Youth Committee cleaned and checked out by the A&M's gunsmith.

Then the 6th District Federation Director, Rick Allen, yes he is Jamie's dad, presented the Committee with 15 youth rod and reel combos courtesy of the Federation.

And finally, a donation of a free BGS yearly membership dues came from the BGS Recruitment Incentive Program. 2 members earned a free yearly dues award for recruiting 5 new members in 2006 and one of them donated theirs to the committee for fund raising.

This night gets the summer season for the youth programs off to a great start. If you see these folks around please give them anatta boy/girl and if you have need please visit these fine establishments as this is the duty of all sportsmen.

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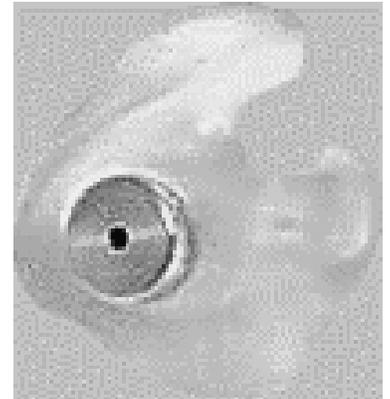
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BGSL March 27, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes Summary

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delabar, Hager, Burke Blackburn, Jacobs, Morgan, Mulchay, Maness, Cox, Piotrowski, Bowman, Fister, West Moore, Gehlbach, Caudill, Niblett, Lyons, Beers, Pinkston, and Barnes **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kass, Burgess, Tester, McFadden, , Ruland, Steel, Phinney, Sanders. and Ore **STAFF PRESENT:** Riffell and O'Neill **CHAPLAIN:** Cottingim President Greg Delabar called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Secretary Hager called the roll and a quorum was present. **READING OF MINUTES** Motion #1 to dispense with reading of minutes and accept the minutes as presented for both meetings carried unanimously. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer John Burke presented the treasurer's report. **Motion #2** to accept the treasurer's report as amended carried unanimously. **OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT:** Ben Riffell stated that M2 Technologies would be utilizing the rifle range approximately 3 times per week. **Closed Session Motion #3** to go into closed session at 7:30 p.m for possible conflict of interest charges carried unanimously. **Motion #4** to go out of closed session at 8:20 p.m.. carried unanimously. **Motion #5** to go back into closed session at 8:21 p.m to hear testimony of members present carried unanimously. **Motion #6** to come out of closed session at 8:55 p.m carried unanimously. **Motion #7** to rescind the TDSA training classes approved two months ago based on additional information received. John Burke asked for a roll call vote. Voting for the motion were Burke and Maness. Voting against the motion were Hager, Blackburn, Jacobs, Morgan, Mulcahy, Cox, Piotrowski, Bowman, Fister, West, Moore, Caudill, Gehlbach, Pinkston, Beers, Niblett, Lyons, and Barnes. Motion failed. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** President Delabar stated that within the next 6 months he intended to have a long term plan in place as well as policies and procedures. **COMMITTEE REPORT. Clubhouse and Lodge:** President Delabar stated that this committee would be meeting soon. **Constitution and Bylaws** President Delabar stated that there would be a recommendation to amend Article IX Qualification of Members of the bylaws by the next meeting. **Farm:** Secretary Terry Hager reported that they are in the process of getting someone to contract the hay for the BGSL. **Finance:** John Burke summarized the payments of the Jenkins and Orange invoices. Treasurer Burke stated that the total amount of berm work completed would be \$52,067.50. Treasurer Burke requested Rifle Division and Pistol Division to ask their treasurer's to submit a check to cover their Division's portion. Mike Niblett and Lin Edwards asked John Burke to write a counter check from their respective accounts at National City Bank. Treasurer Burke made a presentation regarding an Environmental Surcharge added to all divisions to go into a special fund for lead remediation and berm work. Dr. Blackburn stated that the Trap and Skeet and Sporting Clays Divisions have not had any berm work and the Environmental Surcharge should be a per member charge rather than a per shot charge. **Motion #8** to Propose that \$5.00 of everyone's yearly dues be set aside in an account to be used for range repair and application of lime and other chemicals as necessary. Propose that a \$.01 charge for every shot fired on the trap, skeet, pointer and setter division, sporting clays, pistol, rifle, air-gun and muzzle loader ranges and that these monies be paid on a monthly basis and put in the range repair fund. This fund may only be used for ranges and if any other use of these funds is contemplated, it will require a super majority vote of the Board of Directors. Clay Caudill stated that he thought that the division representatives needed to talk with their respective divisions. **Motion #9** by to table Motion #8 for one month carried 13-7. **Security:** No Report. **Youth:** Greg Delabar reported that the Youth Committee would be making some event requests for the upcoming quarter. **AD HOC COMMITTEES: Executive Committee:** President Delabar stated that the Advertising proposals would be considered at the next Board Meeting. President Delabar stated that the first session of the new member orientation format was held on March 17, 2007 and was met with good results. President Delabar stated that they move up the starting time of the general meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dan Fister recommended that the change be initiated from the floor of

the general membership meeting next Tuesday night. **Training Committee:** Mike Pinkston introduced a new training instruction, Brandon Ironmonger, who will be teaching some classes at the BGSL. **Technology:** Clay Caudill stated that the member only area will be added to the website soon. Richard Gehlbach stated he would conduct a workshop on how to update the web calendar in the future. **Trails** – President Delabar stated that John Ruland would be working on the walking trails of the BGSL. **Signage:** President Delabar stated that the signage materials have been received and asked the committee members to get together with the Operations Manager to get the signage completed. **OLD BUSINESS:** M2Technology discussed under Operations Manager's report. TDSA Training Class discussed in closed session. Recruiting Incentive Program. President Delabar stated that the awards program will be presented at the next Board meeting. **NEW BUSINESS:** Put-and-Take Game Bird Program. Rollie Beers stated that the Put-and-Take Game Bird Program is being pursued. Southland Christian Church. President Delabar stated that he has re-established contact with Southland Christian Church's Youth Program. President Delabar stated they are requesting a father/son/daughter event be held on September 22 with October 6, 2007 as a back up date. **Motion #10** to approve a fee exempt father/son/daughter event on September 22 or October 6, 2007 carried unanimously. **Non-Resident Membership:** President Delabar stated that the membership committee is looking at removing the initiation fee for potential members that live outside a 30-40 mile radius. Dan Fister asked why the initiation fee was not eliminated. Letter from Sam Brown. **Motion #11** that the letter distributed at the special meeting written by Sam Brown regarding the club's financial status be published in the Sportsmen's Trail. John Burke stated that the letter should be published as an editorial or an opinion of a member of the BGSL, carried unanimously. **Muzzleloader In-Line Restriction.** Harold Moore recommended that the muzzle-loader in-line restriction be lifted now that the berm work has been completed. **Motion #12** to remove the in-line restriction at Muzzle-Loader Range carried unanimously. **Motions: Motion #13** to open Pit #3 for use under the same rules as Pit #1 and Pit #2 carried unanimously. **Motion #14** to approve the additional date of July 14th for a hi-power match that was left out of the original hi-power schedule carried unanimously. **Motion #15** to approve the Skeet and Sporting Clays Division is allowed to open on Fridays from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. carried unanimously. **Motion #11** to allow Boy Scout Troop 40 access to the BGSL property with an arrival at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4th, 2007 carried unanimously. **Motion #16** to allow to host shoots for the following organizations on the following dates: Home Builders Association Thursday, May 10, 2007 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Home Builders Association Wednesday, August 29, 2007 10:00 to 5:00 p.m. Ducks Unlimited Saturday, August 18, 2007 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. carried unanimously. **Motion #17** to allow the Skeet and Sporting Clay Division to purchase 8 new traps to complete the automation of our woods course including the purchase of the long range key system at an approximate cost of \$17,000 and using divisional funds carried unanimously. **Motion #18** to approve ATA shoots on April 1, 8, and 22 May 5, 6, and 20 June 2, 3, and 17 July 15 and 29 September 1, 2, 3, 16, 23 and 30 October 7 and 14 carried unanimously. **Motion #19** to close the training pit to all shooting except the supervised training with operations keeping the key failed 13 to 7. **Motion #20** to approve the following dates for CCDW classes to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2007 and Sunday, May 20, 2007. This will include classroom and use of the ranges. Brandon Ironmonger will be the lead instructor. The use of a pistol pit is requested. **Motion #21** to hold the BGSL Fish Fry on the last Saturday of June each and every year with June 30, 2007 be the date for 2007 carried unanimously. **Motion #22** to use the Fish Fry to recruit new members by allowing any one that wishes to join the BGSL that day while attending the Fish Fry, a \$75 discount off of the initiation fees providing remaining fees for joining are paid in full that day was tabled. **Motion #18** to table proposal passed unanimously. **Motion #23** to approve Hunter Education classes on August 10 and 11, 2007 and again on October 26 and 27, 2007 carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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