

# BGSL Sportsman Trails



## Special points of interest:

- Make sure your email address is current. A lot of reminders are sent out via BGSL BLAST
- Always check the club calendar for scheduled events

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## President's Corner Rob Mulcahy

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Santa's Helpers (Pistol, Shotgun, Kitchen and everywhere else) Say Hi to Gordon and Bobbie Ironmonger

## Important News

Division articles are needed for Sportsman Trails.

Please let us know scores, events and other happenings in your division. Or just send pictures

Spread the word and help your division grow

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## Morgan's Meanderings

By Terry C. Morgan

There is usually no shortage of people who want to offer advice about an issue but there quite often is a shortage of those who are willing to do something (constructive or otherwise) about an issue. On rare occasion you run into someone who takes their foot out of their mouth and not only tries to actually concentrate on solving a problem but then actually does something about it. I have mentioned this young man before in my meanderings but I want to bring him up again. In a previous meandering I discussed some heroes of the club but I don't want to label this young man as a hero; instead, I want to depict him as the faithful foot soldier who we all depend on to protect us but never gets much credit for the job. As a member of the Membership Committee, I get to hear quite a bit in the way of ideas to increase our membership. Many of these ideas cost money and there is no guarantee of success. Back when we were forced to raise our annual dues for membership we suffered a pretty good sized surge of dropouts (lots of reasons but most were connected to the increase in dues) but we have struggled back and are growing again. Most new members agree that we have done the right thing in trying to make our single projectile ranges safer than before. **Brandon Ironmonger** happens to be our current Chairman of the Training Committee. He is also currently President of the Pistol Division. I think he still serves on the Range Committee (but I am not absolutely sure of that) and he is a regular instructor in Concealed Carry classes at the club. I don't want to short change him because I know he has put in a lot of time in many other capacities and in addition to holding down a full time job and devoting as much time as he can to his family he also spends a lot of time helping out the youth of our club and presently spends every Saturday afternoon coaching the youth in Trap skills. Now, I know there are many others in our club who do many of those same things and feel that they don't get recognized for their efforts and I apologize for that. The main reason I want to laud Brandon at this point in time is that he has, at his own expense, ( my rough guess is that it has cost him somewhere in the area of \$1200 to \$1500 dollars) donated his time and skills to the club in our effort to bring in much needed new membership. In the month of December, he is directly responsible for (best guess at this point) approximately 25 new members that want to attend his free gift Concealed Carry class. I know that besides his time spent, he will spend his own money for transportation and other incidental expenses. It will take a lot of extra time away from his family and his own competitive efforts. Thanks for all your efforts Brandon. You set a good example of a guy who is not afraid to put his money where his mouth might be. If you want to see Brandon in the flesh (so to speak), just look at his picture in the December, 2009 newsletter.

## Bluegrass Sportsman Trails

At a recent BGSL general club meeting (where LKS and BGSL met in harmony at the same time and place), Rick Allen, President of LKS, made mention of the upcoming controversy about the situation where the U.S. Supreme Court will be hearing an issue that involves the Second and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution. Since this argument is more of a “states rights” issue than anything else, the final decision could be of monumental importance to those who believe that the “second amendment” is the only thing standing between them and the ability or inability to defend themselves against a tyrannical government who might choose to deliberately violate the Constitution under the guise of “doing it for the good of the people”. The following article written by Col. Dan of The Cowboy Chronicle fame is quite enlightening about how things might be changed.

Early next year, the US Supreme Court is scheduled to hear McDonald v. Chicago—a monumental case for gun owners everywhere. Why? It will address the critical question of the Second Amendment's applicability at the state and local level. For those who thought Heller vs. D.C. settled this, recall that Heller only considered D.C. gun laws. The anti-gunners position in the McDonald case revolves around the argument D.C is not a state but a federal district. Therefore, while the Second may apply at the federal level, it does not apply at the state and local level. The decision in this upcoming case will not only concern Chicago, but will also impact every state in the union. McDonald is therefore much more important than Heller.

Keep in mind the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals has already ruled the Second does NOT apply to state or local governments; ergo, the question is being reviewed by the Supreme Court.

I'll leave arguments on Constitutional law to those most qualified and instead focus on a question I feel is at the very foundation of the Second Amendment— is man's right to bear arms an *unalienable* right—a Creator endowed right that cannot be infringed upon or is it an *inalien-able* right subject to state control?

Let's define our terms. In many legal circles there is a big difference between **unalienable** and **inalienable**, and it could be significant in this and future cases. I consulted several legal references and came up with the following:

*"Unalienable: incapable of being alienated, that is, sold and transferred." Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition, page 1523:*

You cannot surrender, sell, or transfer unalienable rights under any circumstances. They are a gift from the Creator.to ALL individuals.

*Inalienable rights: Rights that are not capable of being surrendered or transferred without the consent of the one possessing such rights. Morrison vs. State, Mo App., 252 S.W.2d 97, 101.*

You can surrender, sell, or transfer inalienable rights by consent—consent legally coming via the vote of elected representatives, no doubt. Inalienable rights are not inherent and can therefore be controlled by government. If you believe as our Founders did, that man was endowed by his Creator with certain *unalienable rights*, then those rights cannot be infringed upon or abrogated by man, court, or government at any level. Our Founders, many being lawyers themselves, chose their words with extreme care through-out the Declaration and Constitution, and the word they chose in this case was 'unalienable' "... men are endowed with certain unalienable rights and among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

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Now that we have this sorted out, is the right to keep and bear arms one of those unalienable rights to which our Founders referred?

Even if you say the concept of unalienable rights cannot apply to guns because they are inanimate objects that were not around when the Creator brought mankind on the scene, you have to admit that the right of life does apply. Every animal, including man, is endowed with an instinct for self-preservation; i.e., life. All creatures have a wide variety of self-defense mechanisms they use to preserve that life. Some use teeth and claws, some use sharp quills, venom, horns, and hooves, and some of the higher species actually use tools. The great apes, for example, use clubs and rocks. Man being the highest species on the chain of life has created some very sophisticated tools. The gun is just such a tool—a self-defense mechanism used to exercise his unalienable right of self-preservation.

Given our logic thus far, I submit that while the gun alone, as an inanimate object, cannot be an unalienable right, to deny man the mechanism or tool he uses to exercise his unalienable right of self-preservation; i.e., life, is to seriously infringe upon that right. Without the mechanism or tool, his ability to defend himself is practically nullified. Take away an animal's teeth, claws, quills, venom, horns or hooves, and what you've done to their God-given right of self-preservation is to abrogate the Creator's intent. Take away the great apes access to rocks and clubs, and you've again annulled the Creator's plan for that animal. Take away man's access to arms, and you have infringed upon his endowed unalienable right to preserve his life.

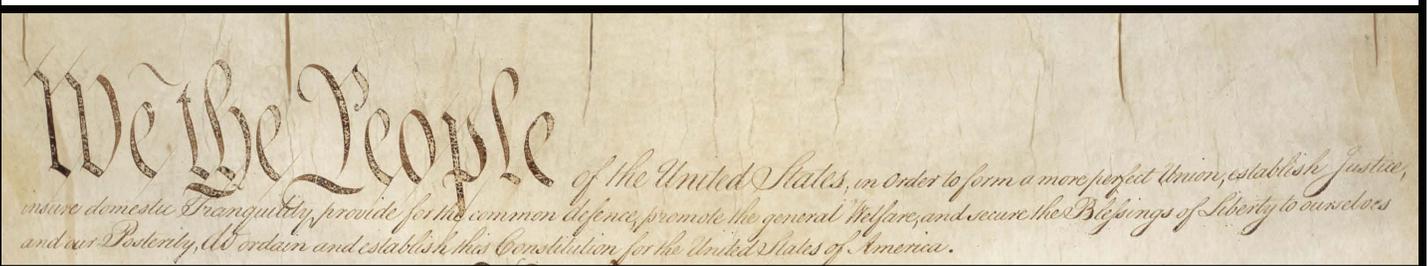
As an aside, I view most gun restrictions as "sham regulations," as they're known in legal circles. That is, dishonest government actions that deceitfully claim to be doing one thing, in this case "promoting public safety," but in reality have the actual objective of thwarting constitutional rights; i.e., the right to preserve and defend life.

Had the Founders used the term "Inalienable rights" in place of "Unalienable rights" the argument could be made that your right to keep and bear arms can legally be transferred from the individual to the state through a government established process of consent. But, that is clearly not the word they chose and words mean specific things ... particularly in law.

"But we don't want to take away your guns, we just want stricter controls to keep them out of the wrong hands," says the anti-gunners' next argument. Okay, since we're dealing with precise definitions here, let's look at another phrase specifically chosen by the Founders. "... shall not be infringed." According to the Webster Dictionary:

**SHALL:** "Determination or promise. Inevitability. Command. A directive or requirement. To have to. **MUST.**" **NOT:** "In no way; to no degree. Used to express negation, denial, refusal, or prohibition." **BE:** "Make: cause to become." **INFRINGED:** "To encroach upon something." Another way, then, to state the concept of the Second Amendment would be: "The right of the people to keep and bear arms must in no way or to no degree become encroached upon."

In summary, what does all this mean? In my view, it simply means the Founder's meant exactly what they wrote and wrote exactly what they meant. Our right to keep and bear arms is unalienable, not inalienable, as it pertains to our endowed right to the preservation of life. It, therefore, cannot be infringed upon by man, court, or government at any level. Just the view from my saddle ...



## From The BGS� Chaplin

By Rev. Tom Cottingim



I have written in past articles about some of the things I learned from my father, such as, how he taught me to take responsibility for my actions. But, he taught me much more than that. As a kid I spent a lot of time with my Dad in his welding and repair shop where he made our living. You may remember reading about one of my adventures in that shop involving a '32 Ford Duce Coupe Lowboy. There were lots of similar adventures, some with cars, big trucks, go-carts, motor scooters, farm equipment and one involving my first attempt to repair an electric appliance. But, let's not talk about that one.

Simply said, Dad taught me to work with my hands. The lessons extended past the shop into the house and beyond. I learned all kinds of skills that have enabled me to get things done when I could not afford to have them done. And that taught me self-reliance.

My vocation, ministry, requires me to have a lot of skills and involves lots of different kinds of work. In ministry, you can go from a funeral, to a wedding, to a visit in a nursing home, to a baptism, to counseling, to the emergency room, or ICU, to who-knows-what. The hard part is, you almost never know if what you tried to do to help someone really did help them. That is not a complaint, it's just an observation. But, working with my hands does not have such limitations. I can install hardwood flooring in my study and immediately know if I have done it right. And, if not, I can go back and fix it. I can repair a leaky sink and be instantly rewarded with proof of my effort. For me, working with my hands is satisfying.

How about you? Do you find satisfaction in a job well done? I hope you do, because I am going to ask you to do some work. The only thing I need to know is what kind of work can you do? Actually, I am hoping you will tell me several kinds of work you would be willing to do. Did I mention this work is to be done only for the satisfaction of doing it? You see, I am putting together the **Chaplain's Volunteer List**. I will keep a private list of people who will use their skills to do needed work at BGS�. Then when projects come along, committees can contact me with needs for workers and I will contact the volunteers who might be of help.

There are lots of opportunities: serving on a committee; working on a construction or repair project; representing the club at area events; helping with youth activities; being an RSO; or perhaps you would like to write articles for the newsletter. Can you help? Will you sign up? Just give me your name, your skills, and how to contact you. I will do the rest. Maybe we will work together on something. See you at the club.

Blessings,

Tom

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# **Blue Grass Sportsman League**

## **Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes**

### **BOD meeting 10-27-2009**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:25**

**Invocation:** Tom Cottingim

**Roll Call** – Mike Kass – Present were Mulcahy, Kass, Fister, Bickert, Gehlbach, Benson, Dacci, Maness, Cox, Piotrowski, Burgess, Johnson, Ruland, Kline, Keller, Angell, Pinkston, Jarrell, Niblet, Baker, Sanders, Ironmonger, Rohrback, Riffell, Cottingim.

**Reading of minutes:**

Motion by Joe Jarrell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Manes to dispense with reading of the minutes.

**Financial Report:**

Report was given by Dan Fister

**Division Reports:**

**Skeet – Colin Baker**

Reg. Bourbon Barrel

Colligate shoot more than 11 teams.

Motion for shoot at UK 6-8<sup>th</sup>

Trap Event

Fun Shoot

Turkey Shoot

NSCA shoot

**Archery – LuAnn Johnson**

Shooting @ Blue building 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month.

**Casting – LuAnn Johnson**

Bid in for National Casting Tournament

Hotel, catering everything approved

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### **Riffle – Joe Jarrell**

Bench rest match 1 month group match  
Next month score match

### **Gun Dog – Mike Pinkston**

2 Different trials  
4 dogs of year (judged trial)  
Run dog of year  
Cash Pay out  
Looking to invite anyone who has sporting dog's.  
Trying to expand  
No open trials to public @ large

### **Pistol – Jason Angel**

\$3.00 per shooter  
Toys for tots shoot November 14  
Swap meet \$20 per table 10/31/09

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Farm – Ben Riffell**

**Cattle** - 16 calves on the ground; no sales or purchases in this category.

**Hunting update** -We have done well on bringing in additional hunt fees - we cleared the 4k mark and anticipate a bit more coming in. We have 30 members signed up and qualified to hunt; 25 are deer hunters ; 5 are small game only. A total of 6 deer have been harvested this season with 5 being antlerless and 1 being antlered; (that is ~7-8wks into the season; including a early MZ hunt and a youth gun hunt). The state took samples for CWD testing of some of the animals

**Timber Update**- About half the timber is marked; the div. of forestry is scheduled to be in the woods tomorrow and they anticipate completing the marking this week. After that, I assume "negotiations" with interested buyers will begin. Realistically, we could see loggers in the woods in 3 weeks.

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**Road Repairs-** The road to the clubhouse and just below the white house has been patched (blacktop); repair of the other areas were postponed until a time when more money was available and the loaded logging trucks were not imminent.

**Member Service Policy** – Is there a policy in effect that essentially states " if a member performs 30 hours of service toward a main club project - they can get their next year's dues paid for....." YES, this is true. BUT - the President ultimately has to approve the project. Please don't tell a member if you do "X" project - you will get your dues paid.

I actually had a member in my office this week expecting his dues paid and was a bit surprised when I told him that it needs to be "pre-approved" by the President. He said that a member of the BOARD told him it was okay.

### **Extended Hours for the Rifle Range -**

I'd asked Matt to schedule added coverage on the rifle range for the two weeks leading up to deer season.

Monday the 2nd and 9th will now be open 12- close

Friday the 6th and 14th will now be open ALL day

### **Issue of Farm Tractor Repair - from last BOD meeting**

The Farm and Wildlife Comm. met and discussed the matter. They discussed the option of buying new or leasing/renting. They did not decide upon these options. Their recommendation at this time is: "sell the FORD 7710 "as is" (w/ front end loader); est. broken ~\$2500 plus loader ; keep the money from the sale and the 4k allocated for repairs and look for a good, used tractor. If there is a price difference - the comm. would place a motion before the BOD to ask for such funds at that time."

### **Insurance bid Packages**

Currently pursuing other bids and carriers for our insurance needs

### **BOD / Employee Thanksgiving Pot-Luck**

papers to pass around- bring spouses and kids

### **Security Committee:**

Richard Gehlbach

No major updates...

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### **Youth Committee:**

LuAnn Johnson  
Still busy season  
Trap moved to Saturday afternoon  
Up coming events Rabbit hunt,  
Field trials

### **Membership Committee:**

Tom Cottingim  
Less than 20 people in New Member Orientation  
CD's ordered great representation

### **Technology Committee:**

Richard Gehlbach  
Range data usage of data  
Internet Capability repaired to GP, Skeet, and Trap

### **Range Committee:**

Jamie Piotrowski  
1/8 - 3/16 and 14 gauge equivalent testing  
30 06 would not be stopped by that amount of steel vertically on the trellises.  
No exit holes on baffles easier to prove rounds not leaving property.  
Suggestions of angle baffles  
Hopefully next week or two will have answer on GP range  
Steel on back of trellises

### **Mike Kass Presented Motions:**

**Motion #1** by Mike Niblett 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Jarrell to allow the Rifle Division to hold Bench Rest Matches on 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/26, and 10/24 of 2010. **Motion Passed**

**Motion #2** by Colin Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Fister to allow the Skeet and Sporting Clays Division to hold a NSCA sporting clays tournament on Sunday November 15, 2009 as an Open Event. **Motion Passed**

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**Motion #3** by Lu Ann Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Burgess to allow the Wilmore Boy Scout troop, under the supervision of member Michael Smith, camp around the Youth Lodge the weekend of November 20-22, 2009. **Motion Passed**

**Motion #4** by Colin Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Kass to allow the UK collegiate shotgun tournament (Sporting Clays, Trap, and 5-Stand) for the dates of Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> through Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>, with a practice session to be held on Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> until 10:00 PM. **Motion Passed**

**Motion #5** by Robert Keller 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Angell to approve the following Pistol Division Cowboy Action dates for 2010: 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 8/22, 9/26, 10/17. The previously approved dates for 2010 Cowboy Action events will no longer be in effect. **Motion Passed**

**Motion #6** by Richard Gehlbach 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bickert to allow the BGSL BOD and Employees to hold a Thanksgiving pot luck dinner on November 19, 2009 in the Main Club House and Kitchen at 7:00 PM. **Motion Passed**

**Motion #7** by Lu Ann Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Maness to allow the Youth Committee use of the Club House and Kitchen on December 18, 2009 (Friday) for the Youth Christmas Party. **Motion Passed.**

**Motion #8** by Lu Ann Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Burgess to allow the Youth Committee use of the Main Club House and Kitchen for the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner; the requested dates are 11/25 through 11/27, 2009. **Motion Passed**

**Motion #9** by Gordon Ironmonger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lu Ann Johnson to approve a Life Membership for the BGSL Past President Dr. Bill Blackburn. **Motion Passed**

**Motion** by Steve Cox to adjourn meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Burgess **Motion Passed**

**Adjourned** at 8:30

Respectfully submitted by Mike Kass BGSL Secretary

**Minutes**  
**Of**  
**The General Membership Meeting**  
**Blue Grass Sportsmen's League**

November 2, 2009

**Call to order:** 7:09

**Roll call :** Present; Rob Mulcahy, Mike Kass, Dan Fister, Tim Bickert, Fred Foster, Richard Gehlbach, John Benson, Terry Morgan

**Pledge of Allegiance** – led by vets

**Invocation:** Tom Cottingim

Quorum was present

**Motion by:** Earl Mcwhorter 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Allen to dispense with the reading of the minute's from the last meeting. **Motion Passed**

**Motion by:** Earl Mcwhorter 2<sup>nd</sup> Luann Johnson to dispense with the reading of the BOD minutes. **Motion Passed.**

**Treasurer Report - Dan Fister**

Reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement.

Read the amounts off a hard copy of the P & L as well the balance sheet.

**Motion By:** Ken Maness 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl Mcwhorter to accept the Treasure Report. **Motion Passed.**

**Membership Committee -Tom Cottingim**

Followed up on the making of the BGSL orientation DVD's, they were complete and they were very inexpensive to produce.

## **Wildlife Committee - Ben Riffell**

Updated that there still have been no cattle sales, 16 calves, plenty of hay left, harvested 7 deer so far, Road repairs are complete.

Also if you have not yet gotten a new gate card you can come by the office M-F 9 to 5 and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month to swap the old one out for a new one.

Updates on timber; the Department of Forestry has finished the marking of the trees for the next Timber Harvest. Once the tallies are completed, bids will be sought.

## **Dignitary Report - LKS president Rick Allen**

Updated the membership on LKS's attempted land purchase in Lewis County. LKS has submitted a grant from the Land Heritage Foundation for 2.5 million dollars. Land is going to be used strictly for habitat and Hunting. LKS is hoping to know something more by mid-December.

The 6<sup>th</sup> District Federation mentioned the idea of holding the 6<sup>th</sup> District Federation meeting here at BGSL before the December General Membership Meeting.

The Legislative season is right around the corner.

## **New Business**

Bill Gay presented a plaque on behalf of Marine Corps league to BGSL as a certificate of appreciation for loyalty and patriotism to our county as exemplified by publicly and proudly displaying the United States flag. Awarded the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2009 by Tom Emerson and Bill Gay

**Motion to adjourn:** by Mike Kass 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl Mcwhorter

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully Submitted by: Mike Kass BGSL Secretary.

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