

President's Corner

My fellow Sportsmen,

The BGS� has suffered a terrible loss, in May we were informed of the untimely death of Burt Horine. Not only a fine sportsman, most people knew Burt as a great person and a huge asset to the club. Burt passed away while in route to the club to participate in the sport he loved. Burt was as affable as anyone you ever met, no matter who you were; he wanted to know you and would talk to everyone. He was a sportsman we all should aspire to be like. Blue Grass as a whole and the Skeet & Sporting Clays Division have lost a very hard working member and will miss him greatly. I know when I shoot Sporting Clays; I will think about Burt and the joy it was to have had him as a friend. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife Becky and daughter Kelli.

This month's general meeting will be held on the date of America's Birthday (July 4th). As I write this article, it is almost Memorial Day and both these dates have always meant much to the shooting sports world. The BGS� will meet on the 4th of July as this day is meant to celebrate freedom and liberty. I know of no better way to celebrate than to be on this club doing what we do. The heritage that we have been entrusted with by our forefathers should come to the surface for all of us. Teddy Roosevelt once said that "we did not inherit wildlife and habitat from our forefathers but we are borrowing them from our grandchildren". The same can be said about everything about this club. We must understand we are stewards of this awesome facility and that includes the newest members. While we all joined the club for our own reasons and our own enjoyment, we all agreed to be sportsmen when we did.

"We did not inherit wildlife and habitat from our forefathers but we are borrowing them from our grandchildren".

T. Roosevelt

You are "BLUE GRASS"! Hope to see you at the club! (With a guest!) At Your Service, Greg Delabar president@bgslinc.com

Next Meeting

BGS� President to cook

4th of July picnic 4:30 PM at the Main Clubhouse

President Delabar invites all to the club for a 4th of July picnic. Plan to spend the day celebrating this country's heritage and liberty "sportsmen's style". Bring your possibles and enjoy the freedoms we've come to love.

I can't think of a better way to do it!

We will eat prior to the meeting and have all the business done in time to get everyone to the fireworks shows!

BGS� Guest Check-in Policy

The new guest check-in kiosk is now operational and located in the foyer entrance of the main clubhouse. All BGS� members that bring a guest can now obtain their guest pass at this facility. The policy will be an honor system and will be in place when you get this newsletter. In addition to this kiosk you will now be able to pick up and pay for guest passes from "Open Division Events" as they are scheduled and convenient to you.

You will be able to fill out the guest pass, sign it, remove and keep your copy, stuff the original and your money (\$10 per guest) in a provided envelope and deposit it in a slot. At this point, you're covered and can go to the range and enjoy the facility. We feel this "Honor System" will enhance your membership and increase the productivity of our Operations staff. You still can contact the operations personnel if you would prefer or your situation requires their assistance.

Always remember, if you bring a non-member to the club, and you intend to shoot on the ranges or fish in our waters, you must obtain a guest pass. If you just want to show them around, hike or camp you do not need the guest pass. This new policy is a nice recruitment tool you now have at your disposal to start accumulating your sponsored recruits.

BGS� Membership & Gate cards

Please remember to have your membership cards with you while on the club. It is in the By-Laws that all members must display their cards while on the ranges and operations personnel will be enforcing this rule and we need your cooperation. If you need a new card or a badge holder please see operations personnel.

The front electronic gate is now in operation and you will need your gate card also. If you have one of the old cards, don't worry, just follow the directions on the key pad and we will get you in and your card changes out.

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Tom Cottingim 533-8896

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL:

President Greg Delabar called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Secretary Hager called the roll and a **quorum was present.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delabar, Hager, Burke, Kass, Mewhorter, Morgan, Burgess, Cox, Fister, McFadden, West, Inman, Shaeffer, Gehlbach, Combs, Pinkston, Garrett, Niblett, Barnes, and Mulcahy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Blackburn, Jacobs, Maness, Piotrowski, Bowman, Tester, Steel, Martin, Ore and Sanders

STAFF PRESENT: O'Neill and Riffell

2. READING OF MINUTES

Motion #1 by Fister, second by Mewhorter to dispense with reading the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer John Burke presented the Treasurer's Report. **Motion #2 by Fister, second by Morgan to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Secretary Hager stated there was no report.

5. OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Ben Riffell, Operations Manager, reported that Family Fun Days would be coming up this weekend and for the division to get their requests to him.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Delabar noted that the Bert Horine, who was a valued member of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League, was killed last week. President Delabar stated that there is a need for the establishment of a Memorial Park to honor deceased members of the BGSL. President Delabar stated the by-laws committee would meet and make a recommendation of proposed changes and present them to the next Board of Directors

7. PISTOL COMMITTEE

Richard Gehlbach stated the pistol division rules that were presented to the Board last month have been revised and the Pistol Committee is requesting Board approval. **Motion #3 by Fister, second by Mewhorter to approve the pistol rules be accepted as printed. There was much discussion by the**

Board on this issue. The regulations were amended to read:

Line #12 People between the ages of 12 and 18 year old may shoot in the pits if they are directly supervised by an adult member (over 21) in possession of a valid pit pass and the 12-18 years old has been issued a Junior Pit Pass issued under the same requirements as an adult pit pass.

BULLSEYE RANGE RULES: Line #17 Add: to exclude in-line muzzle-loaders

Motion #3 was unanimously approved with the changes noted above.

8. WILLIAM BOWLES

BGSL Member William Bowles appeared before the Board to complain about the number of open shoots that are allowed by the Division especially at Skeet and Sporting Clays. Mr. Bowles stated a member should not have to stand in line to use the ranges. Mr. Bowles stated that previously open shoots were only allowed one weekend a quarter. Robbie Mulchay, Director from Skeet and Sporting Clays, stated that this was the first complaint they had received and he would like to discuss the issue at the division level prior to the Board taking an action. Danny Barnes, Director from Skeet and Sporting Clays, stated that the Division had discussed being opening on Tuesday nights for division members only.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clubhouse and Lodge: President Delabar stated that improvements are continuing at the General Purpose range.

Constitution and Bylaws: President Delabar stated that the Constitution and By-laws committee would meet and prepare changes for presentation to the next Board._

Farm: Secretary Terry Hager reported that there was 1 new calf and the operations staff was involved in hay.

Finance: Treasurer John Burke reported that it was recently discovered that there was a member who has been using the club for sometime without paying dues and getting member prices at the Division. **Motion #4 by Burke, second by McFadden to require all divisions to submit their division membership rosters to the BGSL Office Administrator by June 15, 2006. Failure to submit Division membership rosters by June 15, 2006 will result in suspension of Division Open Event Activity for the offending Division/s on June 15, 2006 or until compliance. Motion carried unanimously.**

Full time position – Ben’s Assistant – President Delabar stated that a full-time position and the part-time positions are being studied to assess the personnel needs.

Security: No report.

Wildlife Committee: President Delabar requested that the hunter’s orientation dates as submitted by Chairman Phinney be approved.

Motion #5 by Fister, second by Kass to approve hunter orientation classes on July 8, August 5, and October 14, 2006 with the use of the Archery Range and Archery clubhouse and general purpose range. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Youth: President Delabar noted that Family Fun Days will be on June 2-4, 2006.

Membership: President Delabar stated that the drop list with assignments was included in the packet.

President Delabar stated that the main club would do printing of the Division’s brochures. President Delabar stated that a BGSL video is being developed with filming at the different events.

Training Committee: Brenn Combs reported on the TSA Training Classes held at the clubhouse.

Motion #6 by Pinkston, second by Combs to change the Conceal and Carry Deadly Weapons class from June 29 to July 29, 2006 with use of the clubhouse and range. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Trails: – No Report

Signage: - President Delabar stated that a place to put the sign machine has been identified and the electrical update has been started,

Technology: – John Burke asked for an update in providing the DSL line to Skeet. Richard Gehlbach stated that they are still working on this.

11. OLD BUSINESS

1. Fish Fry Tickets. President Delabar stated that the Fish Fry tickets are available.

2. Ice Machine – President Delabar stated that the ice machine has been received and is working.

3 July 4th Meeting. President Delabar stated he does not want to change the meeting date and will have a general membership meeting and new member orientation on that date.

4. Other Business. John Burke noted that the income taxes had been signed and filed.

At 9:45 p.m. Motion #7 by McFadden, second by Hager to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. At 10:10 p.m. Motion #8 by McFadden, second by Hager to come out of closed session.

Motion #9 by Burke second by Morgan to ban a member access to BGSL facilities for life for non-payment of dues for two years and bill said member for the difference in division member’s fee versus non-members usage fees for the last two years. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion #10 by Burke, second by McFadden to strike members name from the newsletter and keep it in the minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

12. NEW BUSINESS

1. L.K.S. Convention. President Delabar stated that the LKS Convention will be held in Louisville, June 9th and 10, 2006. President Delabar stated that BGSL will have at least 10 members attending the convention.

13. MOTIONS:

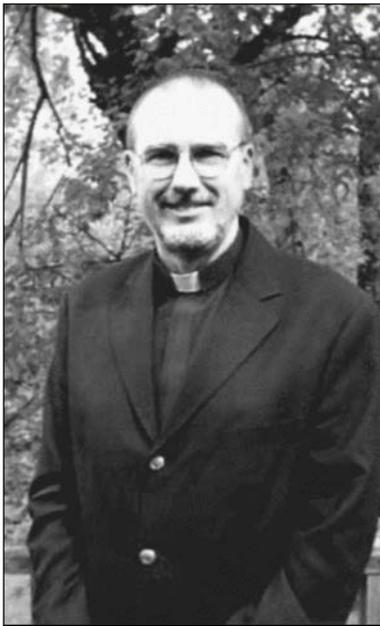
Motion #11 by Garrett, second by Niblett, to change the Rifle Divisions June 11 Bench rest match to June 18, 2006. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion #12 by Mulcahy, second by Barnes to grant the Skeet and Sporting Clays Division permission to pursue hosting the 2007 Kentucky State Shoot with the Kentucky Sporting Clays Association. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion #13 by Barnes, second by Mulcahy to allow Skeet & Sporting Clays Division to host another Lexington Homebuilders shoot on Friday, August 18, 2006 and a Ducks Unlimited Regional Shoot on Saturday, August 12, 2006 after business hours of 4:00 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

From the BGS� Chaplain



Greetings!

Please allow me to introduce myself: I am BGS�'s new Chaplain. My name is Tom Cottingim, and I am the pastor of the Lansdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lexington.

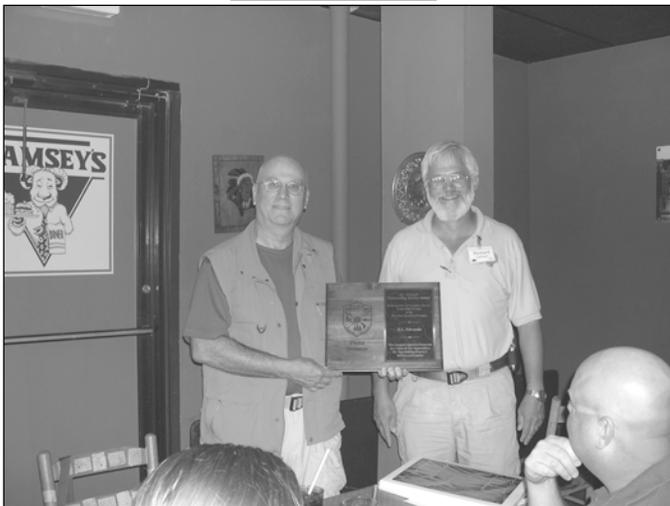
As Chaplain, my intention is to be of service to you, the members, and to your families. I will not intrude on what we do here at the club; instead, I am making myself available to you when you need or want my care. You can call my

cell phone: 859-533-8896; or E-mail me at: t.cottingim@insightbb.com; or find me on the Pistol Bullseye range, the Muzzle Loader range, or with fly rod in hand at the lake.

I look forward to seeing you at the club!

Blessings,
Tom

Lin Edwards



Pistol Division held a luncheon after the June IDPA match to present the first R. L. Edwards Outstanding Service Award to division president Lin Edwards. This inaugural award recognizes Lin for his untiring efforts in service to the Pistol Division of BGS�. It also challenges others to the same exemplary service. The award will be given annually to a member in good standing of the Pistol Division who shows outstanding performance in the areas of Sportsmanship, Dedication, Conduct, Innovation, Leadership, and Initiative. New recipients will be selected by a committee consisting of previous award winners and appointed pistol club members. Lin received a personal plaque. A perpetual plaque displaying each year's award winner will be exhibited in the BGS� clubhouse. Congratulations Lin and thanks for your continuing hard work.

Outdoors Women's League (OWL)

The purpose of the Outdoors Women's League is to educate and provide opportunities in outdoor activities for all women while maintaining the honor, dignity, and ethics of good sportsmanship.

Calendar of Events for the Remainder of 2006

July 22	Air Gun	10:00 AM
August 12	Centerfire Rifle	10:00 AM
Please note: This date is correct .		
September 30	Black powder	10:00 AM
This is the correct date.		
October 21	Cowboy Shoot	10:00 AM
November 18	Sporting Clays	10:00 AM

Great BIG thanks to all the volunteers from all the divisions who helped us with Women on Target, which was held May 20. This was a fun, educational day filled with numerous events. Approximately 40 women attended and learned (or refined skills) with pistols, .22 rifles, archery, black powder, and trap. We really appreciate the help from all the instructors, volunteers, and friends!

This past weekend, OWL held the 3D archery event. Thanks to Robert Burgess, the Archery Division Director, and Joel McClintock, who instructed, encouraged, and looked for "lost" arrows! We appreciate you!

All women are invited to attend the OWL meetings. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at Sonny's Restaurant in Nicholasville. The meetings begin at 6:30 with dinner and business. The next meeting will be August 9, 2006. Please join us!

Please contact any OWL member or officer listed for further information.

Chair:

Amy Yeager / 859-936-6937 or jayeager@earthlink.net

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Suzy Rupp / 859-223-9811 or drmsrupp@hotmail.com

Treasurer:

Margaret Barnett / 859-269-2863 or MYB1228@aol.com



Women on Target

PISTOL DIVISION

Bull's-eye: Bull's-eye is holding practice sessions Wednesday nights (6 – 7 p.m.) at the Bull's-eye range. The next match will be held Sunday, July 9. Contact Glen Wood (Glen Wood, (859) 492-4668 or glenwood@clarkmhc.com) for more information.

Cowboy: The Fox Bend Peacemakers annual Memorial Day Weekend Burro Camp Shootout was held on Sunday, May 28. Fifteen shooters participated in the match. Following the match cold watermelon was served. There will not be a match in July. -- Join us for the annual Hawaiian Cowboy Match on August 27. Only cowboy attire required -- cowboy hat and boots (other clothing, your option). It will be hot. Bring drinks, lunch and snacks. For more information contact: Tioga Kid, byrondaniel@alltel.net or 859-333-9838.

IDPA: June's IDPA match hosted 46 shooters, with 6 new shooters. The next match will be July 15. Contact: Lin Edwards, (859) 273-2768 or rledwards@att.net

USPSA/IPSC: There was no June USPSA/IPSC match at BGS� as members attended the 2006 Silver Creek Open Kentucky State USPSA Championship June 2-4, 2006. One hundred forty six shooters competed at this match - 13 were from BGS�. Congratulations to Michael Foley, Limited High Overall & Kentucky State Champion, Chuck Bradley, 3rd Overall & 1st Grand Master Limited, Barry West, 1st Master & High Senior Limited, Dan Marlow, 3rd B Class Limited, Austin Bradley, 1st B Class Open, Andy Ferguson, 1st C Class Revolver and John Moore, 3rd D Class Production.



The next match will be held Sunday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m. Contact: Barry West, (859) 885-9710 or e-mail: vikingtactical@alltel.net.

John Moore is selling raffle tickets for the junior division of USPSA. There are lots of great prizes. Tickets are just \$5. Proceeds help support the USPSA Junior Program. Contact John (277-9553) to buy your tickets.

Carole Bryant

TRAP DIVISION

It is with a heavy heart that I write this month's column after learning of Bert Horine's death. Our hearts and prayers go out to Becky, his wife, and Kelli, his daughter. We have lost a true friend. For you that didn't know Bert, you missed an opportunity to know one of BGS�'s finest. Bert only shot a little on the trap range, being, mainly a sporting clays shooter. He will be missed by those who knew him.

Our Woodson King shoot was a success. Wayne Hale won the singles with his first 200 straight, congratulations Wayne. Jordan Foley, our sub-junior hotshot broke a 196, claiming his 2nd hundred straight of the year. Way to go Jordan. During our Woodson King shoot Bruce Sanders and I worked with the ladies in BGS�'s "Women on Target". I can say that I saw numerous smiles on these fine ladies faces when they broke a target for the first time. I believe if some of these ladies shot trap on a regular basis they would be fine trapshooters. They got almost as much satisfaction out of breaking a target as their instructors. Thank you ladies for coming to the trap range.



Until next time, come on down to the trap range and "Smoke a bird, Trap Style".

Charlie Becknell

Vice president of trap division

RIFLE DIVISION

"The Rifle Division held its third High Power competition of the year on 10 June. This event was NRA approved as will be all for this year. Overall winner was Jamie Piotrowski with a fine, High Master-Level score of 777-22 and Bob Hopkins took high Expert/Sharpshooter/Marksman honors with 723-6. Our next event will be on Saturday, 8 July. The Bluegrass State Games will have their High Power event at BGS� on 23 July -- our 8 July matches should serve a good tune-up. Anyone who is interested is invited come out and shoot or just watch. Our web-site is:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~bgsl.highpower>."

Bill Alverson

Jessamine County, Kentucky

ARCHERY DIVISION

Attention BGSL club members. A 3D range of fifteen targets has been set for all BGSL members. We are trying to provide more member services and promote archery and our division. We will need to recoup supplies and replace targets so there is a fee to shoot the course of \$5, \$3 for archery division members. This will be on the honor system with a box to drop the money in near the practice range. Please consider this fee a daily fee so shoot several times at different distances if you want. The present course is in the woods behind archery. We call it "B" course. If you stand behind archery looking away from the parking lot towards the wood line off to your right will be markers, orange and or pink visible from where you stand. The beginning and the end of the course will be marked. You can start at either entrance as the course is a simple loop through the woods. Please respect the targets and other people. Be careful and mindful of others who may or may not be archers.

**Archery Division meeting for July is July 5 around 6 PM.
Bring your bow we will shoot.**

**July 8, 9 Archery Division is hosting a 3D ASA qualifier
shoot. \$10 for 30 target competition.**

July 22, we are hosting a follow up to a National Archery in the Schools Program event held earlier. We are inviting anyone interested in giving archery a try to come down anytime on July 22. We have equipment that is used in NASP for use and we will offer basic instruction. Believe me anyone can shoot. Great event for kids and adults, showed a seven year old the other day and he did fine.

Joel McClintock
Archery Division
859-257-1242 or 277-6507

BASS DIVISION

I must start by apologizing for not getting an article in the last two Sportsman Trails. My pen ran out of ink and I was going to use the money I was going to win in the first tournament to purchase a new one. I finally gave up and bought a pencil. I will try to catch up on what has happened so far this year.

The season opener was held at Dale Hollow Lake. The weather was cool and the water was cold, but it was a good start for the year. That is except for the dreaded curse of the Dale Hollow Coordinator. Last year's Coordinator, Rudy, was operating on local time and was late getting to the ramp. He then decided to go for a swim when he fell in the lake. That will wake you up in 40-degree water.

This year's Coordinator, Mike Harbour, was so excited to launch his new boat that he was a little premature in taking the tie down straps off. The boat slid off the trailer and he launched it in the middle of the ramp about 6 feet from the water. Luckily we have several assorted engineers in the club

who devised a human crane system to get the boat into the water, with no damage, and Mike got his color back and started breathing again about 10:45. He did have a funny, far-off look in his eye the rest of the day.

The first day of the tournament the team of Mike Kass and Claude Jacobs had a commanding lead with something over 14 pounds. The next closest team had 6 pounds and a few ounces. They did not do as good the second day, but neither did anyone else, so they easily took 1st place. Claude also had the BIG fish. Mike Harbour (who had returned to himself) and his partner, Jerry Thompson came in 2nd place. Irv Shelton and Dave Roberts came in 3rd.

The second tournament of the year was a one-day event at Herrington Lake out of Chimney Rock. We had a great turnout with twelve boats and good weather. It was good to see some new faces, and some old ones that had not been around for a while. We would like to see more new faces so if you are interested, give us a try. I guarantee you will have a good time. This one was won by Jerry Thompson (he always finds fish). 2nd place went to Mike Kass and 3rd was Walter Sheets. Walter Sheets also had BIG fish. On April 15th, we were at Kincaid Lake. Kincaid is a nice small lake, but it was hot and the fish were on the beds. They had other things on their little minds and were not interested in eating. Talk about focused, those little buggers were focused. Mike Harbour managed to pull out the win. Second was Mike Tester and third place went to Eli Farmer. Big Fish was also Mike Harbour.

April 29th and 30th we went to Barkley Lake. This is one of the best trips every year if for no other reason than the Irv Shelton annual fish fry. Irv catches the fish and then brings in the famous fish chef, Dave Roberts. Dave can cook a fish. The tournament was won by Jerry Thompson and Mike Harbour, second place was a tie between the teams of Mike and Rudy Tester and Sandy and Mike Jones. We did not have a third place. BIG Fish went to Jerry Thompson.

May 20th and 21st the excitement was at Barren River Lake. Barren is a great lake and our trip to Glasgow, KY is always a good time. This year a cold front and a severe thunderstorm hit the night before the tournament started. The fish went wherever fish go when they get a storm warning. The fishing was tough and everyone worked really hard. Mike Harbour and Jerry Thompson were the ones that found the fish storm shelter because they had two real nice bags of fish. They took 1st place and Mike also had big fish. Harold Rhodus and Bobby Brinegar who managed to get through the weekend without hurting each other took 2nd place (Should have made them sleep in their tent). Eric Sanders had to work Saturday morning and only got to fish a couple of hours Saturday afternoon but managed to take 3rd place.

The next tournament will be held at Herrington Lake and is the first night tournament of the year. It will be interesting to see how things change when the lights go out.

Submitted by:
John Lingenfelter

Morgan's Meanderings

Well, **Pshaw!** Last month I was raving about the wonders of the modern age in today's outdoor experience and got to toutin' electronics and how they were not only fascinating but made many activities more enjoyable and actually made things easier and faster. You might know as how it would happen sooner or later.

A bunch of us were sittin' around the "conversation center" in the Skeet and Sporting Clays clubhouse when one of our illustrious high scorers started relating a story about how he bagged a nice turkey just a few days ago. I thought to myself that "**here we go again**" was going to *deja vue* all over me again and that I would have to politely listen to a half dozen stories about abnormally large turkeys begging to get in front of somebody's gun sight or arrow. Most of the "turkeys" around the table were already abnormally large as it was. Much to my overwhelming surprise there was no additional conversation to be had because the first "prevaricator" turned out to not be a prevaricator but a downright honest sportsman because he finished off his description of the event with "hard evidence" in the form of, (wouldn't you know it), photographic evidence in moving pictures done on his cell phone camera. Now here is American ingenuity at its finest

when an absolutely worthless commodity can be put to such a fine applicational solution as to prove the prowess of one's hunting skills. Now you have to admit that it would take some skill to not only be in a place where you were liable to find a suitable turkey but then to shoot the rascal and take pictures of it at the same time with a cell phone camera, while talking to your wife about what time you would be bringing the bird home for dinner. I was duly impressed. Let me offer, though, a word of advice to all of you not skilled in the use of these devices. If you see someone with a cell phone in hand, make sure where that thing is pointed. He could be making a revealing motion picture of you and whatever skullduggery you are up to without your knowledge. **Be warned.**

In our constant effort to introduce new people to outdoorsmanship (this is not a real word) and all the rewards it can bring, BGSL provided the facilities and amenities as well as the people to put on another "Women on Target" event a few Saturdays ago. I did not get an exact count but I think there were about 40 ladies attending this event. Some were absolutely new to any kind of weapon except a rolling pin and others already had some shooting experience. My primary interest in this event was to make some video of it so that we could incorporate the video into our "selling DVD" when it comes to fruition. As usual, what started out as a simple approach to a simple solution turned into a maelstrom of problems to be sorted through. The first problem arose when I realized that during the initial filming of the "sign up" period and lots of people milling around, I had absently minded consumed two doughnuts and two cups of coffee. **What am I thinking?** I can barely get my belts around my midsection as it is. As the ladies sat through a gun safety introduction by Rich Gehlbach and an official welcome by our esteemed president all seemed to be in order and well on the way to a successful day of shootin' and grinnin'. The ladies were all assigned to groups so as not to overwhelm any one venue and they would rotate from range to range to learn about different venues. My worry was which group to film first and then how to rotate to another to get all the video I needed and then get on to my own playground.

I decided to go to Archery first because there would be less talk and more action there. When I arrived I got set up and made a few group and background shots and waited for Kenny Maness to stop talking and get to shootin'. When that did not happen, I moved on to the .22 rifle venue at the Pistol Division range and got a few shots of various stances and leans that our esteemed range officers were trying to help overcome. Some of the groups had already started changing to different venues so I decided to hurry back over to Archery and pick up my shots of powerful ladies sending swift arrows to the target. Kenny was still talking.

There is more than one way to fry a catfish so I headed back towards the pistol division to catch defense minded ladies soaking up the loud reports of bucking handguns. What did I find? I found defense minded ladies following well entrenched safety rules shooting the heck out of seven yard targets and holding those guns firmly and steadily. No limp wristed babies here. As each one took her turn, they stood right up there and ventilated those black dots. I am sure that Gehlbach and Bryant were impressed with their crop of shooters. Since all seemed to be going well and my fatherly advice was not needed here, I decided to go over to Muzzle Loader/Black Powder to watch the "screemin' meemies" when those ladies heard the "big bang" of those muzzle loaders.



I have never been so ashamed of a division in all my life as I was when I arrived on the scene. In the midst of all that "phog" of powder smoke and roof shakin' reverberation was the most awful display of guffawing, snickering, shouts of joy and general hedonism going on. Bruce Shaeffer was amid the swirl with his knee britches and colonial hat, using words like "ni_le" and such while some lady was shovin' powder, shot, wad, etc. down the muzzle of a firearm and pounding on the end of a ramrod like she had been born to the task. Now the real disgusting part of this display was that Mary Inman was hunched over a spotting

scope and hollering about what a good instructor he was because his trainee had just put a hole in the 35 yard bull and one of the other fellows was replying that Mary's trainee was okay but his trainee had put 5 shots in the black. Now you can imagine how sickened I was by these grown men, to whom we had entrusted the care of some delicate ladies, were trying to grab all the credit for a job well done and not giving a bit of it to the ladies themselves and their innate ability to handle any problem that arises? I am truly sorry that I did not know the other fellows present but the whole lot of them embarrassed me to no end. People are not supposed to have that much fun when they are around firearms. It ain't respectable. I headed back towards Archery.

Kenny was still talking.

Charlie Becknell and Bruce Sanders were busy on the line at Trap Division and people were breaking some birds. Always a joy to my heart to see a newcomer hit a moving target like that. Charlie and Bruce were behaving like true Trapshooters (gentlemen). I guess Bill Blackburn had made up some flimsy excuse about being sick so he could sneak off and play with his boat and GPS unit. Since it was getting on into the afternoon I thought I had it timed perfectly to pick up on some "real" action at Archery where I would see multiple feathered shafts sticking out of a bulls-eye. Kenny was still talking. I gave up.

I am not being overwhelmed with input from you nearly 2500 members. Please send your input to Terry Morgan, 3145 High Bridge Road, Wilmore, KY 40390 or e-mail me at tmorgan1@alltel.net or send information to skeet@bgslinc.com.

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