

# Sportsman Trails

## Pistol Division Raises \$500 for U.K. Rifle Team



(Shaun Hopkins, individual team winner of the UK Rifle Fundraiser Match, is presented his certificate by Lin Edwards.)

By Carole Bryant

The Pistol Division raised five hundred dollars for the University of Kentucky Rifle Team at an all steel match held July 14. Shawn Hopkins was the individ-

ual winner. Eric Peek and Brad Davidson were the team winners.

**Bullseye:** The Bullseye monthly 2700 will be held August 12. Sign ups begin at 8 a.m. and firing starts at 9 a.m. Contact Glen Wood (859) 492-4668 for more information.

**Cowboy:** The next Cowboy match is August 26. Safety briefing is at 9:30 a.m. – the match begins at 10 a.m. For more information contact Byron Daniel - (859) 277-9693.

**IDPA:** The next IDPA match will be August 18. Sign-ups start at 9:30 a.m. The match begins at 10 a.m. For more information contact Lin Edwards – 859-576-3515.

**IPSC/USPSA:** The next match will be August 5. New shooters must arrive by 9:30 for a new shooter check. The match begins at 10 a.m. For additional information please contact Barry West, (859) 885-9710.

**GSSF:** There will be a Glock style match on July 28. For more information contact Lin Edwards – 859-576-3515.

## BGSL to Host KY Sporting Clays Championship

With the help of a lot of people, the Skeet and Sporting Clays Division was lucky enough to convince the State Sporting Clays Association to award our club with the 2007 state shoot. We view this as a privilege to show off our facility and as an opportunity to repay the people that had faith in our club.

Many of you will remember Bert Horine, who passed away in 2006. Bert was a big part of the leadership in funding the development of our facilities. It will be a special tribute to his memory that we promote the best state championship ever.

Rod Shyda at Lincoln Traps has provided the extra traps to assure that we have the best possible equipment. We can't say enough about the support that Lincoln Traps has provided. If you miss a shot, it won't be because of your frustrations over broken targets. We are going to remove the term "No target" out of our event.

R & R Traps, our distributor, bent over backwards to help us with equipment and expertise. If you don't know Butch and John, and you're in the sporting clay business, you need to!

Bill McGuire will set the targets. We wanted to make sure that everyone knows we are putting on a first-class event. So bring your "A" game; Bill tells us you'll need it! (More about Skeet & Sporting Clays on pg. 7.)

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### August Calendar

- 2nd  
4H .22 Rifle Club
- 3rd  
Boy Scout Sporting Clays Classic
- 4th  
Ducks Unlimited; Sporting Clays Classic; New Member Orientation
- 5th  
BSA Troop 40; USPSA/IPSC; Muzzle Loader Silver Shoot
- 7th  
General Member Meeting
- 10th  
Hunter Ed Class
- 11th  
Hi Power Rifle Match; Hunter Ed; Concealed Carry Class
- 12th  
200 yd Benchrest Rifle Match; Bullseye 2700
- 16th  
4H .22 Rifle Club
- 18th  
Archery Open Shoot; New Member Orientation; 4H .22 Rifle Club; IDPA
- 19th  
Airgun Open Shoot
- 24th  
KY NSCA Championship
- 25th  
KY State Sporting Clays Championship
- 26th  
KY State Sporting Clays Championship; Cowboy Action Shooting/SASS; Muzzleloader Open Shoot
- 27th  
BGSL BoD Meeting

## Blue Grass Sportsmen's League



# President's Corner

### My fellow Sportsmen,

My time in your service will soon change from President to Past President and I have resolved to educate you, the owners of this great League to the modern issues we owners face today.

At the July meeting of the General Membership, I presented a "State of the Blue Grass" address. I called a "Special Meeting" of the League on July 7<sup>th</sup> and repeated the presentation. The idea was to show you a real-time picture of all aspects of the BGSL. I wanted to do this in my 1<sup>st</sup> term {2004/2005} but quickly realized that it was not possible.

**I was not educated enough!** I still was a bit hesitant even now, 2 years later but feel very strongly that this was needed. This is a very complicated organization. Although the turn out and participation was less than I'd hoped, it is my opinion that the membership should put forth a motion to compel this address and presentation to become a yearly event.

This address was and should be my opinion and observations as BGSL President, based on my experience from this position. I pointed out the deficiencies and solutions. I spoke to the issues that the membership should want to know about and affect the club's government, communications, membership and finances. The government portion covered the Board of Directors, the Standing Committee's, and the Operations and Administration. The finance piece was the portion that most folks were interested in. I presented the up to date figures of income and expenses, the members share value and broke the finances down by a summary of the categories. The most participation was over this issue and again the farming operation and its issues were the topic of choice.

**The "FARM", "again".** This issue has been a bone of contention since I can remember. It has been my experience that most of our owners do not understand this issue. I've heard it all and from every angle. The bottom line goes back to understanding. We do not "farm" because we can, we don't farm because we have 1400 acres and we don't farm because farming is such a great business.

We farm for much better reasons; we farm because we get the benefit of offsetting operational expenses in the farming operation. We farm because farm taxes are much cheaper than commercial taxes. We farm because our Constitution says we will. It says we will because of those reasons. Farming is good stewardship of our land and that is our first priority. I have heard many times; "I did not join a farm", "farmers can't make any money", "we aren't farmers". I've also heard; "why don't we maximize the cattle heard", "why aren't we boarding horses", "we should plant more alfalfa and native grasses".

Most folks, who have a problem with this issue, that take the time to educate themselves to our farm operation, wind up agreeing that we should be farming. Maybe we should rename the "farm" to "land stewardship".

No matter where you stand on this or any issue at this great club, as an owner you should educate yourself to the issues and how they affect our bright future.

Sincerely and at your service,

Greg Delabar

[president@bgslinc.com](mailto:president@bgslinc.com)

## Board votes to survey members

*The BGSL Board of Directors met on Tuesday, June 26, 2007. The following is a summary of the minutes. A full copy of the meeting minutes can be obtained from the League office.* MEMBERS PRESENT: Delabar, Hager, Blackburn, Jacobs, Kass, Morgan, Mulchay, Burgess, Maness, Bowman, Piotrowski, Tester, Fister, West, Ruland, Moore, Sanders, Gehlbach, Caudill, Beers, and Pinkston. MEMBERS ABSENT: Burke, Cox, McFadden, Phinney, Steel, Niblett, Lyons. Barnes and Ore. STAFF PRESENT: Riffell and O'Neill. CHAPLAIN: Cottingim. The following reports were made: Treasurer, Operations Manager, President

The following motions were voted on:

**Motion #1** by Jacobs, second by Maness to dispense with reading of minutes and accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion #2** to accept the treasurer's report as presented carried unanimously. **Motion #3** to waive the guest fee for Saturday, June 30, 2007 carried unanimously. **Motion #4** to continue having the newsletter printed by Insty Prints and **Motion #5** to table **Motion #4** carried unanimously. **Motion #6** to table the proposed training policies carried unanimously. **Motion #7** to amend the lead remediation fee policy to read as follows: "In addition to the member assessment, the one cent (\$.01) per shot be assessed on any shooting activity on BGSL property where fees are charged by a division or group not exempted by the Board of Directors in advance. The sponsor or division hosting the event will be responsible for the collection and payment of the said fees. (Continued on page 4.)

# Morgan's Meanderings



By Terry Morgan

## NOW! That's what I'm talkin' about!

I have sort of fallen in love with this little phrase. I won't give Will Smith the credit for inventing this phrase but I will give him credit for popularizing it. If you don't know Will Smith then I will remind you that he is that congenial, good looking movie star who has been around for a good while but really put the above phrase into good use in his "Men in Black" and "Bad Boys" movies. Will has a little bit of the old John Wayne in him and proves to me that you can still make good movies that tell a story and show some morality and still combine humor with the portrayal of the common guy, all at the same time. Well, enough of that. Let us just say that I really get a kick out of that phrase.

The last week in June was a busy one for me. I had two doctor's appointments, a hearing aid adjustment scheduled, a board meeting to worry about and then my wife springs the fact that I will be attending a meeting she has scheduled at Barkley Lake on Wednesday and Thursday and that we will be staying in the Lodge. Gee, how could I feel bad about that. Well, as a lot of you know, that is a good four hours plus drive one way. Now, I had to be back by noon on Friday for those doctors appointments so that meant that I would have to get my wife out of bed by 5:00 AM (she usually sleeps till 11:00 or so) in order to get back home. I told her emphatically (or at least as close to that as I could come when talking to a woman) that we had to be back for the BGSL Fish Fry on Saturday. In addition to all this "shilly-shally" I had to try to coax my son into looking after my 11 cats and 4 dogs so that they received proper pampering and did not suffer any psychological breakdowns in my absence.

All went reasonably well that week and I was in a pretty good frame of mind on Saturday and really looking forward to the Fish Fry. Oh! I probably forgot to mention that my wife is also in charge of the regular Saturday evening concerts on The Village Green in Wilmore. We have to be there by 6:30 so she can pretend to supervise everything. (It does not really need supervision because the volunteers who set up the sound

and stage are quite good at the job). Did I mention that even though my wife has all these duties and has to attend quite a few functions, that she does not believe in ever being on time to anything and that arriving acceptably late is the norm. So, instead of arriving at the Fish Fry at 5:00 as I had planned, we arrived at 5:45 (and I only live 10 minutes away). When we crested the hill on the entrance road and I saw the array of cars parked at the clubhouse I immediately uttered that magical phrase, NOW! That's what I'm talkin' about! My mouth fell open in awe. I don't know the official count of the Fish Fry but I am thinking that we have not seen that big a crowd in a long time. The food line that had formed was already looking like a Disneyland line. The only thing missing was the fancy U shaped crowd control panels. While I was standing in that line (pretty close to an hour) I got a chance to survey the people in attendance and I did not recognize a lot of them. I hope that meant that there were a lot of visitors present. I did notice quite a few of the regulars (mostly muzzle loader members) sprinkled in the crowd and taking up space (you see, they had already been first in line and were waiting to see how the food supply went so they could go back for seconds). I won't mention any names but Inman, Moore, McMillan and Ruland sort of stand out. I won't mention the member who was seated with his wife for fear of embarrassing her, but I had been standing in line so long that I begged him to let me scour and suck on his used corn cob so that I could gain sustenance in order to continue standing in line. I can tell you one thing: if someone from the Kitchen Division comes to a board meeting and makes a motion to add an additional deep fryer to their arsenal, I am going to give it serious consideration. I am all for fixing roads, but come on, standing in line for an hour to get that fish dinner is stretching it a little thin. But do not believe that I am wrongly impinging on the good job that the Kitchen Division was doing, because they were as well organized as they could be. You just cannot cook fish any faster than they were doing it. A loud Huzzah to the cooking crew (some in outlandish costume) for a job well done. I would go out on a limb and say that this was the best Fish Fry in a long time. Well, me and the missus were late to the concert but it

was worth it. In fact, I had to bundle her into the truck and get out of there for fear that she would embarrass me with her constant whining about wanting "all the fish she could eat" and I had to explain to her that there were other folks still waiting in line.

Another great opportunity to use that phrase came upon me yesterday (Thursday) when I was shooting a little Sporting Clays with Jim Wright and Jeff King. We were checking out the new presentations and having a little trouble with a couple of them and then suddenly things started going right. NOW! That's what I'm talkin' about! The expression just leaped out of my mouth spontaneously when Jim (who was the one primarily having problems, not me) hit a particularly bothersome double that either Craig Phinney or Jeff Cassidy had created on station 7. It makes your heart leap and you feel a shiver of "do good" flow through you when you see one of your compatriots come out of their slump and "do good".

You just never know when this stuff is going to hit you. During our most recent New Member Initiation induction, Clay Caudill started expounding on the Pistol Division and he used a phrase that I thought was relatively cute and appropriate (it had to do with shooting slowly and making one big hole instead of many small ones – you will have to ask Clay to repeat it for you). My mind quickly focused on my past experiences with Bullseye shooting and I felt like shouting out to Clay: NOW! That's what I'm talkin' about! And later, during Tom Cottingim's delivery of his "General Purpose Range Safety Rules, Procedures and General Compendium" the Klaxon horn went off just in time to make a point for Tom and I heard him shout NOW! That's what I'm talkin' about! (I am sure he would like to use this in his sermons but modern convention disallows such expression and one must stick to the "Thee's" and "Thou's" of the King James English if you are to be considered creditable in the pulpit).

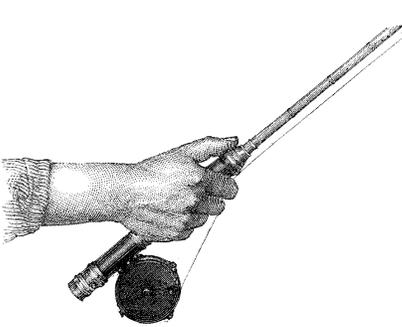
I have to get out of here. I have been supervising the destruction of Japanese Honeysuckle around my house and barns and it is starting to look like home again. Who knew this bane could get so out of hand. It is starting to look good enough that I can holler NOW! That's what I'm talkin' about!

## Blue Grass Sportsmen's League

# Casting Division News

By Lu Ann Johnson

It's almost that time...the ACA National Casting Tournament is just around the corner. We've been honing our skills, hoping to bring



home some awards from this year's tourney. Our Tuesday afternoon/evening practice at the club has been hampered by storms, but we aren't going to let it stop us from being at the top of our game this year.

Bill, Pat & David have been spending some time at the Kentucky Horse Park working on their distance games – we

hope to have a Grand All Around Champion in our midst. Jessi, LaDonna & I have been at the practice pools (low water and all)

working with some new equipment and trying to prepare for any backlashes/problems we may face. The girls are coming along well with their new revolving spool outfits and should take some top honors this year.

The Blue Grass division has always been a club to be reckoned with – we hope to keep that competitive spirit going. We would welcome any and all youth or members who would like to join us – not just at tournament time – but at any time. We have a wealth of knowledge and skills – just looking for some new blood to pass them on to.

School will be starting soon, so our Tuesday practice will probably go to a Saturday or Sunday practice. Stop by and see us if you are out on the weekends – we have outfits set up for you to try – or just bring your fishing tackle and we'll help you figure out how to get your lure where you want it when you're out there fishing in the low hanging trees and bushes.

## Committee reports security breach by member, recommends reprimand and probation

*(BOD Minutes continued)* There was much discussion on this issue. Motion passed with 3 board members dissenting. **Motion #8** to approve the Duck Unlimited use of the clubhouse, kitchen and casting ponds on Saturday, August 4, 2007 carried unanimously. **Motion #9** to approve two Conceal Carry Classes on Saturday, August 11 and Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to be taught by Brandon Ironmonger carried unanimously. **Motion #10** to approve an Advanced Pistol 1 and Advanced Pistol II taught by Lin Baxley and sponsored by Lin Edwards for October 12-13 and October 14-15, 2007 failed by a vote of 8 to 11. **Motion #11** to amend the motion to include a \$100 per day non-member use for the clubhouse for the class fee structure or a total of \$400 failed by a vote of 7 to 12. **Motion #12** to approve a NRA Basic Pistol Class taught by Breen Combs and Lin Edwards on Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22 pending availability of classroom space carried unanimously. **Motion #13** to adjust existing Practical Pit Rules to allow rifle shooting in all six bays of Pit #1 carried unanimously. **Motion #14** to allow BSA Troop 40 (David Field, Scoutmaster) to bring approximately 10 scouts and 3 adults to use our campground on the evening of Saturday, August 4, 2007 and use under supervision, the rifle range and archery range carried unanimously. **Motion #15** to allow an Ad-hoc Committee to draft a member survey, to be approved by the Board at the next meeting, and to be published in the Sportsman's Trails and BGSL Blast to assist in determining the future directions of the BGSL carried unanimously.

The following committees reported: Constitution and Bylaws, Farm, Wildlife and Natural Resources - President Delabar stated that Craig Phinney was unable to attend the meeting but reported that the final details of the Put and Take Operation will be presented at the July meeting. President Delabar also reported that the first deer survey will be conducted early Saturday morning. **Security Chairman Dr. Blackburn reported that there was an unauthorized access through the front gate by member(s).** Dr. Blackburn stated that

the Security Committee has recommended a letter of reprimand to the member and a probationary period for the member. Dr. Blackburn requested that the gate procedures be re-published in the Sportsmen's Trail, Youth

The following AD HOC COMMITTEES reported: Membership Committee- Tom Cottingham stated that the membership committee needed volunteers for the orientation scheduled on July 21. Ken Maness and Rolly Beers volunteered, Training Committee - Mike Pinkston presented the guidelines, action statements and mission of the Training Committee and asked for the Board to approve the proposed training policies. There was much discussion on this issue. Trails – John Ruland and Harold Moore distributed a walking trail map. Mr. Ruland asked that the map be published in the next issue of the Sportsmen's Trail. President Delabar and the Board Members stated thanked John Ruland and Harold Moore for their efforts. Signage -President Delabar stated that the Division's request for signage should have been submitted to the Board for approval.

Old Business: Shooting Berm and Lead Remediation. President Delabar stated that a policy had been previously approved but an amendment is necessary. Appleseed Program -Clay Caudill stated that the dates of October 6 and 7, 2007 have been finalized for the Appleseed Program at the Bullseye Range. New Business: Duck Unlimited Request for use of BGSL President Delabar noted that Ducks Unlimited is requesting use of the clubhouse, kitchen and casting ponds for a volunteer Appreciation banquet on Saturday, August 4, 2007. Ad Hoc Committee for Membership Survey-- President Delabar appointed Dr. Bill Blackburn, Dan Fister and Robbie Mulcahy to draft a member survey to be published in the Sportsman's Trail.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07p.m.

# Blue Grass Sportsmen's League

## United We Stand, Divided We Fall

### *Assault Rifles For Hunters?*

*As I write this, I'm hunting coyotes in southeastern Wyoming with Eddie Stevenson, PR Manager for Remington Arms, Greg Dennison, who is senior research engineer for Remington, and several writers. We're testing Remington's brand new .17 cal Spitfire bullet on coyotes.*

*I must be living in a vacuum. The guides on our hunt tell me that the use of AR and AK rifles have a rapidly growing following among hunters, especially prairie dog hunters. I had no clue. Only once in my life have I ever seen anyone using one of these firearms.*

*I call them "assault" rifles, which may upset some people. Excuse me, maybe I'm a traditionalist, but I see no place for these weapons among our hunting fraternity. I'll go so far as to call them "terrorist" rifles. They tell me that some companies are producing assault rifles that are "tackdrivers."*

*Sorry, folks, in my humble opinion, these things have no place in hunting. We don't need to be lumped into the group of people who terrorize the world with them, which is an obvious concern. I've always been comfortable with the statement that hunters don't use assault rifles. We've always been proud of our "sporting firearms."*

*This really has me concerned. As hunters, we don't need the image of walking around the woods carrying one of these weapons. To most of the public, an assault rifle is a terrifying thing. Let's divorce ourselves from them. I say game departments should ban them from the praries[sic] and woods.*

Wow. Read *that* again. Read *that* again.

You may recognize the 255 words above. They were written in a web log (blog) by a writer with the magazine *Outdoor Life* named Jim Zumbo. If you are familiar with the situation, you know that Mr. Zumbo is now pretty much out of work – dropped by his employer, industry manufacturers, and kicked around by internet blogs as well as other outdoor writers. To be complete, I copied the above text from another blog at (<http://michaelbane.blogspot.com/2007/02/serious-stuff-jim-zumbo-defection.html>) since *Outdoor Life* has removed it from their site. Zumbo got himself in such a stew because some anti-gun groups and politicians picked up his comments and began incorporating them into the steady beat of press against gun related sports. Several sources say that Zumbo's comments were used by the Congressmen while debating proposed legislation to renew and expand the assault weapons ban (the very ironically named HB 1022)

I've been following this story since shortly after it began in February. I thought it had lots of interesting implications. With the current buzz about the future direction of the BGSL, I have been part of, or heard several discussions where the meaning of "Sportsman" eventually gets kicked around. Are we a hunting club or a shooting club? Zumbo's comments, those conversations, and President Delebar's "President 's Corner" in July's Trails convinced me to write.

The futures discussions go into a related "off limits" topics. You know the kind – where people suddenly dummy up, get uncomfortable, and look at their shoes when politics and religion are discussed. The topic is "black" guns vs. "blue" guns. For the unaware, "Black" guns are typically guns designed and finished in more modern styles (i.e. AR's, AK's, Glocks, etc). The metal usually has black oxide coating plastic stocks/grips and high capacity, quick change magazines. "Blue" guns are more traditional blued metal and wood stocks/grips, low capacity, slow to reload magazines.

Zumbo stepped right in the middle and helped define the argument when he wrote: *I've always been comfortable with the statement that hunters don't use assault rifles. We've always been proud of our "sporting firearms."* Zumbo said on a national scale what I hear at BGSL: "We are sportsmen. Sportsmen don't use black guns or do 'paramilitary or 'police type' shooting - we don't need to be doing that kind of stuff here". I've heard it said another way: "he shoots a Glock, he's not a sportsman", or "no sportsman would try to shoot 300 yard targets with an AR", or "no one shoots skeet with a black semi shotgun". Or the infamous "He's a sportsman" with a wink implying the guy shoots the right color gun, but nothing else about his character.

This is why Zumbo's debacle is relevant to the BGSL: the term "sportsman" has become a divisive term – a code word if you will – a way for one group to label and exclude individuals based on something other than character. Pretty dangerous situation when we are thinking through the future of the Sportsmen's League.

So where do we go from here? Let's look at 2 fundamental sources: the dictionary and our own BGSL Constitution. Look up "sportsman" on dictionary.com and you get: *-noun, plural -men. 1. a man who engages in sports, esp. in some open-air sport, as hunting, fishing, racing, etc. 2. a person who exhibits qualities especially esteemed in those who engage in sports, as fairness, courtesy, good temper, etc.*

There is no exclusion of a person who doesn't shoot a particular type of gun at a particular type of target from being a sportsman. Yeah, I know, hunting and fishing are mentioned, but so is racing, etc. Look at that second definition. Isn't that the one that counts?

Now look at the BGSL Constitution. Article II, Item 9 reads: To acquire the use of suitable land necessary to promote the desired projects of the League, such as skeet, trap, rifle, and pistol shooting, archery, casting, field trials, sportsmen's shows, and other sporting activities that may be conducive to the entertainment, health and happiness of the members and assure the success of the League.

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# Blue Grass Sportsmen's League

## From the BGSL Chaplain



Did you know that Kentucky now has an official state music? Not only that, but it is one of my favorite kinds of music: Bluegrass! Just a few weeks ago I attended a ceremonial signing by Governor Fletcher of the house bill that made it so. (I understand the governor is a member of BGSL; do you suppose he knows I am his chaplain?) Our state has a number of official symbols: our state fish is the spotted bass; our state bird is the cardinal;

our state mineral is coal; our state flower is the goldenrod; and our state drink is milk...not bourbon!

There are a number of other symbols Kentucky has adopted down through its history to represent our state. To me, none is finer, and none more correct, than our state flag. The blue field of the flag surrounds the state seal. It is this seal with its motto that defines Kentucky. On the seal are two men, one in buckskins and the other in a swallowtail coat, greeting one another in an embrace. Around them is our motto: United We Stand, Divided We Fall.

The seal and motto are credited to our first governor, Isaac Shelby, who was a hero of the Revolutionary War. The two men symbolize the coming together of Pioneers and Gentlemen, representative of very different points of view, who are working together to attain common goals. The motto itself is from The Liberty Song, which was popular during the war and favored by Shelby. We have a

fine heritage in this flag and its seal. Working together is the way to insure success.

We are facing some financial obstacles in the life of BGSL. We cannot go on indefinitely with a deficit budget. Nor can we go forever without spending some major money on maintenance items such as repairs to the clubhouse. We all agree on that part; we are divided on how to solve it. It is okay that we do not all see it the same way, but it is not enough to simply say we agree to disagree. That does not get us where we need to be. Just as the two very different men on the State Seal stand united, we need to stand united. I believe there is more than sufficient talent and dedication within this club to come up with a solution. Together, we can find a plan that will work.

Easier said than done? Yes, it is. But we can do it if we choose. How to start? Keep talking about solutions and listening to opposing viewpoints; listen carefully and zero in on the parts that do make sense to you. If we will all do that, identify those places of agreement, common ground can be found. On that common ground we can stand together! See you at the club.

Blessings,  
Tom

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I don't see here that there is an exclusion of a particular type of gun or style of shooting. While the framers were not familiar with IDPA, USPSA, or target shooting with an AR15 at 300yds, etc, they did not rule it out. In fact, I think they purposely left the door open with terms like "sporting activities...conducive to the entertainment..." and "...assure the success of the League". A Pretty smart group, 60 years ago.

This brings us to another fundamental source. Recognize this? "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Another group of smart people, 230 or so years ago.

Now to today, and another slogan: *United We Stand, Divided We Fall*. A few may be unfamiliar with this one. It is on the Kentucky Flag, and is the official motto of the Commonwealth. The United States, The Commonwealth, and The BGSL are all here now because a group of people had the foresight to take lessons from the past and use them to shape the future.

What will we do? Please keep in mind the real definition of Sportsman as we make critical decisions on the future of the League. And no matter which side you are on, reach across the "Sportsman Divide". You'll probably learn something and find true sportsmen there as well.

Submitted by Clay Caudill

## Blue Grass Sportsmen's League



### Skeet and Sporting Clays

The Skeet and Sporting Clays Division will be a hot-bed of activity in the month of August. First on tap is the **Third Annual Sporting Clays Classic to benefit Scouts in the Blue Grass Council**. This event kicks off on Friday August 3rd at 1:00 p.m. with practice shoot for Gold and Silver teams followed by an Outdoor Sports Auction at 7:00 p.m. at Don Jacobs on Nicholasville Road in Lexington. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun auction and bid on fantastic items like a house for a week on Hilton Head, 10 days in a Naples or Destin condo, box seats at Churchill Downs. The main shoot is on Saturday August 4th with morning check in from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. For more information go to [www.bgbsa.org](http://www.bgbsa.org) or call Blue Grass Council at 859-231-7811.

Next up is the **2007 Kentucky State Sporting Clays Championship** with \$10,000 in added cash and prizes. The Championship kicks off with a 100 Target Preliminary on Saturday, August 25th and concludes with a 100 Target Championship on Sunday, August 26th. There will be Side Games and Five Stand both days.

Registration forms for the State Championship can be downloaded at [www.bluegrassclays.com](http://www.bluegrassclays.com), or by contacting Bruce Fisher at 859-509-3389 or by email at [info@bluegrassclays.com](mailto:info@bluegrassclays.com). Pre-register by August 8th to qualify for ESP Earplugs in Shootoff! Mail forms and fees to: Bluegrass Sportsmen's League, P.O. Box 5, Nicholasville, KY 40340 or fax to: 859-885-3996.

Dever's Golf Carts will providing carts on a as needed basis. The charge will be \$50 per day should you desire a cart. Please make your reservation now and include payment by sending both to the above address, so we can assure the cart will be waiting your arrival. We will have no extra carts.

Also in August, Mike Sherman from PMS firearms will be at BGSSC from Aug. 7 to the 14th . Mike is a gunsmith and stock fitter as well as an instructor in shotgun basics and mechanics. Mike will work with you on gun fit and proper mechanics.

A session with Mike includes eight hours of instruction and work on the patterning board. The sessions are split into two days @ four hours per day. A session with Mike runs three hundred dollars for eight hours of fitting/instruction. Mike gears his instruction to D, E and novice shooters. This does not include any alterations to your gun. If you are interested in working with Mike contact Gerry Lee @ 509-4474 to schedule a session. You can check out Mike's web site @ [www.pmsfirearms.com](http://www.pmsfirearms.com) or call him @ 704-798-5150 or 704-637-1477

*Skeet & Sporting Clays Division holds open shoots every Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Fridays from 2 p.m. to dusk or earlier, (no late shoot under the lights on Fridays), and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The last sporting clays squad leaves at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.*

## Russell Steel and Jim Galvin's Road Kill Café



We had a GREAT turnout for the Annual Fish Fry. Lots of family and friends enjoying fine food, sharing good times and swapping tall tales. I want to give a big THANK YOU to the Kitchen Division and all of the men and women that helped at the fish fry. And a really BIG THANK YOU to those that helped at clean up time. And as always,

THANKS to Ben and his crew for their assistance. And THANK YOU fellow members for supporting our Annual Fish Fry.

Deer season is just around the corner so remember safety on the range is not an accident, you must practice it at all times, whether you are here at the Club, at home, or in the field. Be safe and happy shooting!

### August Menu

Hot Dogs with Homemade Chili  
Fries, Cole Slaw  
Pickles, Cheese, Onions  
Beer Cheese & Crackers  
Cookies

All for the price of your membership!

So come on down to the Clubhouse on Tuesday, let's hear what you have to say! Remember there is no CLUB without U.

See U at the Club!

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**Trap Division — Weekly open shoots on Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.**

