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March 2023 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday March 7, 2023 @ 7:30 pm Club house 215-257-1000

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Calendar for March 2023

*Outdoor Range Unavailable

** All Events Subject to Cancellation

Date	Event	Time
2	B.V. Pistol	5-9 pm
3	4H JR Rifle	7-9pm
5	Black Powder Shoot	9am---noon
6	Archery	7-9 pm
7	B.V. Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
9	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
10	4H JR Rifle	7-9pm
13	Archery	7-9 pm
16	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
20	Archery	7-9 pm
23	B.V. Pistol	5-9 pm
26	Standard Service & Match Rifle	9:00am
27	Archery	7-9 pm
28	B.V. Board of Dir. Meeting	7:30pm
30	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm

Reminder! No Trap until March
Next Club Meeting April 4, 2023

Branch Valley Sportswear

BV logo Sportswear for sale. Camo & blaze order hats, crew neck & 1/4 zip sweats, denim shirts, polo shirts, fleeces crew T's and pocket T's. Many items at our meetings. Sizes M, Large, X Large. 3x and child sizes by special order. All with club logo.

***BV SPORTSWEAR: NEW SHIRTS, SWEATS, FLEECEs, AND HATS AVAILABLE. NEW SELECTIONS OF COLORS AVAILABLE AS WELL AS NEW BRAND ON FLEECEs.**

See Paul at the meetings.

Archery Committee

The Archery club gets together Monday night indoors from 7 till 9 to shoot a round of 3D targets.

The indoor range has a green arrow curtain that can be pulled in front of the pistol backstop. The

curtain is rated for a 50lb bow using blunt bullet tip points. We have target bails and foam blocks to be placed between the targets and the curtain. This is to prevent damage to the curtain and to your arrows in the unlikely chance you miss.

On the outdoor archery range target houses have been placed at 20, 30, 40 and 50 yards. Crossbow speed bags are installed on all the target houses. Please put the crossbow speed bags back on top of the foam blocks to keep them out of the weather when you are finished.

Good News! Broadheads can be shot at the Styrofoam blocks in the target houses. Just be careful when removing the broad heads and pulling out large chunks of the foam.

PLEASE DO NOT SHOOT BROADHEADS AT THE "CROSSBOW SPEED BAGS" OR ANY OTHER TARGET ON THE CLUB GROUNDS.

Joe Bosch jfbosb@hotmail.com

Fish Committee

Get Ready! Put new line on the reels (maybe go up to 10 lbs.); get some larger lures; fresh bait; and a big net!

Trout season starts on April 9. Breakfast starts at 6AM; Pond opens at 8AM. Check the Club Regulations on the website.

This is a members only event from April 9 to April 16, no guest passes will be used for fishing.

Junior members are invited to fish on Saturday, April 8 from 8-12.

Fish Committee

Jack Patcella jack.equityappraisal@comcast.net

Raffle Winners 2022/2023

April 2022	Rudy Rauschenberger
May 2022	Dan Rombald
June 2022	Steven Yuzwiak
July 2022	Dean Leach
August 2022	Brian Prowling
September 2022	Carl Bayer
October 2022	Stephen Lear
November 2022	Rich Moody
December 2022	Anthony Zadlo
January 2023	Joseph Gibbons
February 2023	William Kioro
March 2023	Maybe You?

Kitchen Committee

March Meeting Night

Chili Cheese Dogs
Dessert (It's a surprise)
Ice Cream Sandwich
Snack Packs
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Iced Tea
See you soon!
Larry Myers - Kitchen Committee

Pistol Team/Indoor Range

Important Notice:

The indoor range continues to suffer from projectiles hitting things that were not meant to be shot.

Be sure to stand close enough to put your shots on the target or at least on the backer.

Shooting the walls, the ceiling, and furniture in the room is not acceptable.

Please:

- Only shoot paper targets.
- Approved calibers posted on the range.
- Place finger on the trigger ONLY when ready to fire. -SAFETY FIRST.
- Unsafe practices damaging BVFG range or property may cost your membership.
- Please take out the trash when the containers are full. Clean up all your brass.

Rich Williams, Captain williamsrf@verizon.net

Membership

NOTE: 2023 MEMBERSHIP CARDS (YELLOW) MUST BE DISPLAYED BY ALL MEMBERS WHILE USING THE RANGES/FACILITY AT BVFG. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Renewed members as of February 23rd: 862.

Renewals are closed. If we receive no reply, they are off active membership list.

We are working through a waiting list with those approved are being contacted. Those who reply to the invitation for orientation we process for new membership into March. If no reply is received, they are moved to the archive for a short period and discarded.

PLEASE NOTE SO THIS UNDERSTOOD: Due to issues with some members violating the family membership (dependent children) policy; ages 18 - 22 enrolled as Fulltime college students NOTE: BVFG has closed this option. This change is in effect for 2023 calendar year and in effect for renewing in 2023. Renewal forms for 2023 will be requesting information on dependent in household children. Those 18 and over must move to an adult membership.

IF MEMBERS ARE NOT RECEIVING THE EMAILED NEWSLETTER THEY NEED TO

CONTACT US VIA WEBSITE EMAIL SITE bvfgf@hotmail.com. NEW MEMBERS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE AS REQUESTED AT ORIENTATION. If you change your email address, change this on the portal by signing on to manage this process. If not registered, please do so if you have email. It is important to streamline the newsletter mailing process also.

Also, if there is any news of interest, please write to the club email address. Please attend meetings. Next general meeting is March 7th 2023 @ 7:30pm.

Otherwise refer to this newsletter for current issues on John Helfrich's calendar and general information or the website.

We have new Pocket T shirts at the meeting XL and 2XL in navy blue and medium steel grey. Cost \$20

If anyone has suggestions for T shirts in various colors and sizes, please advise at appps314@gmail.com

New Arctic Hooded sweatshirts in various colors will be re-established supply with BVFG logo embroidering. Most M, L, EX and 2XL some larger frames on most items available. BVFG Crewneck sweatshirts, Light denim shirts, T Shirts, Fleece with camo sleeves, camo and blaze orange hats

Also, plenty of available hooded sweatshirts, full zip. for sale at the club meeting. Let me know via email link on website if preference for more colors.

Think spring, lots of birds chirping early in the morning, nature's alarm clock. Enjoy all the things this season has to offer.

ALL MEMBERS MUST BE WEARING YELLOW MEMBERSHIP CARDS for 2023 WHEN ON THE GROUND. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Regards, Paul S. PR Membership Committee/Director/Financial Secretary

Outdoor Ranges

This month's High-power match will be held Sunday, March 26th and will be a standard service and match rifle event. As usual the match begins at 9AM.

The monthly Black powder event will be held on Sunday March 5th from 9AM until noon or before.

The Friday evening 4H/Junior Rifle will finish on the 10th. The kids have been good students and are progressing beautifully. Also, thanks to the excellent coaching staff for donating their time and sharing their knowledge.

Other Stuff: Opening Day Fishermen's (and Fisherwomen's) breakfast will be held on April 9th. Service will be from 6AM until 8AM. Same menu as last year. Volunteers please be there at 5AM.

Please be CAREFUL department: As most of us know, the clubhouse has recently been remodeled. The job was beautifully done with meticulous attention to detail that is hard to come by these days. I have noticed some damage to the sill trim on the alcove to the left of the indoor range entrance that has been caused by either accident or carelessness. Please mind where and how you place your shooting boxes when entering the indoor range.

Shoot safely or stay home.
blkpdbob@comcast.net

Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee is looking towards Spring. We desperately need your help with grounds care this year.

Please consider stepping up to do some mowing and grounds work. A few volunteers would make the job that much easier.

For specific details and to put your name on the list please reach out to Mike Reiner or any Board Member.

Mike Reiner - mikereiner@comcast.net
215-237-4187

Legislative Updates

It is up to each one of us to keep track of what our elected representatives are up to and let them know our opinion. One of the best and easiest methods is to sign up at the Gun Owners of America (GOA) web page:
<https://www.gunowners.org/action/>

There is no cost, and you do not have to join the organization. GOA will send you email alerts when any bills (pro and con, US and State) come up for votes, inform you of executive actions and more.

If you also enter your physical address, it will tailor pre-written reply to letters to your specific US and PA reps and senators. You can always write your own reply text or alter the pre-written

version as you see fit. You can look up voting records, voter guides, legislative info, etc. It is a great resource to help keep track and quickly let your opinion be known.

Remember, Freedom Is Never Free!
Jim Hildenberger

Presidents Words March 2023

Well spring is drawing near and that means time to get out the old trout rods, dust them off and put a new 20 lb. test line on them. I hear we have some nice fish coming this year.

Also, spring means turkey is just around the corner. Time to order the latest and greatest calls, gear, and gadgets. I saw where Florida opener is March 4th. Anyone going for an Osceola bird?

This month's meeting, we are welcoming special guest WCO fish Warden Lavosh. This is a good time to hear the latest news of what is going on in the state's waterways. Also catch up on the changes in the fishing regulations changes.

As they always say, not knowing the law is no excuse.

What a great time of year get the family off their phones and venture into the woods for a shed hunting afternoon. The kids may grumble at first but when they find a rack their attitude changes. I know it did for my kids.

The Jr. rifle has about ten participants shooting this year. Glad to see all the parents staying around to watch them shoot. A big thanks to the club members that volunteer to teach the next generation of shooters.

See you at the meeting.
Garry Englemann President

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ALL MEMBERS MUST WEAR THEIR 2023 MEMBERSHIP CARDS ON PERSON AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE CLUB GROUNDS.

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