

# BRANCH VALLEY FISH, GAME & FORESTRY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## July 2023 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday June 27, 2023 @ 7:30 pm Club house 215-257-1000

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### Calendar for June 2023

**\*Outdoor Range Unavailable**

**\*\* All Events Subject to Cancellation**

Date	Event	Time
2	Black Powder Shoot	9am
4	Independence Day	
5	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm
6	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm
10	Archery	7-10pm
12	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm
13	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm
17	Archery	7-10pm
19	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm
20	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm
23	High Power Standard Service Match Rifle M1 Carbine Match	9:00am
24	Archery	7-10pm
25	B.V. Board of Dir. Meeting	7-30pm
26	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm
27	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm

Next Club Meeting June 27, 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](mailto:jfbosb@hotmail.com)

### Fish Committee

Panfish bite is hot!

We thank the Board members and contributors for the excellent trout season!

Good fishing!

Fish Committee

Jack Patcella [jack.equityappraisal@comcast.net](mailto:jack.equityappraisal@comcast.net)

### Raffle Winners 2022/2023

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	Darius Puzinas
April 2023	Kirt Stillings
May 2023	Tom Moyer
June 2023	Staci Dam
July 2023	Yankee Doodle?

### Kitchen Committee

#### July Meeting Night

Mac & Cheese

Hot 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

Final results are in for the 2022/2023 competition season of the Delaware Valley Pistol League, which covers southeastern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware. Branch

Valley won two team trophies and five individual awards. Congratulations to our talented shooters!

Second place team trophy for rimfire

Third place team trophy for centerfire

Third place individual rimfire award (all classes) – Bill Kern

Top Master centerfire – Bill Kern

Top Sharpshooter rimfire – Chris Baker

Top Sharpshooter centerfire – Steve Swartley

Top new shooter (all classes) – Mike D'Amico

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](mailto:williamsrf@verizon.net)

### Membership

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

We have a few new members yet pending orientation. They will be notified in early June. Another session tentative around week of July 5th.

Membership count is 909 members with 30 juniors on record for a total of 939.

Renewals for 2024 will start in the Mid Sept timeframe.

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 2024 will again be requesting information on dependent in household children. Those 18 and over can move to an adult membership.

IF MEMBERS ARE NOT GETTING EMAILED NEWSLETTER, THEY NEED TO

CONTACT US VIA THE WEBSITE EMAIL  
SITE [bvfgf@hotmail.com](mailto:bvfgf@hotmail.com).

NEW MEMBERS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE AS REQUESTED AT ORIENTATION. If you change your email address do so on the BVFG web portal by "signing in" 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 June 27th @ 7:30pm.

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

At meeting:

We have new Pocket T shirts at the meeting XL and 2XL in navy blue and medium steel grey. Cost \$20T shirts can be ordered in assorted colors and sizes. Minimum order quantity does apply per the provider.

Please contact me at [appps314@gmail.com](mailto:appps314@gmail.com) or [bvfgf@hotmail.com](mailto:bvfgf@hotmail.com).

Most apparel comes in M, L, EX and 2XL some larger frames on most items available. BVFG Crewneck sweatshirts, Light denim shirts, T Shirts, some fleece jackets. Camo and orange baseball style hat in also in blaze orange. 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.

Summer is upon us already. Enjoy. Please enjoy the great weather. Walleye fishing should be great again this year. Great lakes, St. Lawrence River, great places to go.

**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

Black Powder shoot will be held Sunday July 2nd at 9 AM

Standard Service, Match, or rifle of choice high power match will be on Sunday July 23rd beginning at 9 AM.

While a large majority of the Membership is in full compliance with our safety regs there are a few that believe that when alone at the range, the regs don't apply. Please read and heed the clearly posted (at every station) rules before shooting. Our ranges are designed for Target Practice and Safe Shooting as prescribed in the rules. We are not designed to be a combat

training course and anyone trying to use it as such will be shown the exit.  
Wishing All a safe Independence Day,

Bob Gular [blkpdbob@comcast.net](mailto:blkpdbob@comcast.net)

## Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee is looking towards Summer. 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](mailto: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

## BVFGFA Trap

**Trap is Back on Wednesdays!**

Hours: Wednesdays, 6:00- 9:30-10:00PM  
Cost: 25 birds \$ 6.00 Call your own. If cold temperatures below 25F, rainy, we do not open.

If there is a poor turnout, we close earlier.  
The Shotgun Committee needs helpers for Wednesday evening shoots.  
Please contact Larry @ 267-424-0295  
Please reach out and thank Larry for continuing to make this event happen.

## Presidents Corner July 2023

Over the decades our state parks have been a hands-off approach for its forests, let nature take its course, no timbering, burns and spraying. This is not what we want as sportsmen as we know a forest needs to be maintained for wildlife to prosper.

Well, the hands-off approach is about to change. In several state parks they have begun to timber and use controlled burns. Many of the parks do not have trees that are beneficial to wildlife, namely Tulip Poplar.

Let us hope this new approach continues across the entire state and not just in a handful of parks.

Here we are halfway through the year. What just happened to the first half? If you are looking for a place to get out of the heat in a couple of weeks, consider going to a gun show. The Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society has a show at the Allentown Fair Grounds Ag Hall July 8th and 9th.  
Garry Englemann President

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