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December 2023 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday January 2, 2024 @ 7:30 pm Club house 215-257-1000

Club Officers

President: Garry Englemann
Vice President: John Helfrich
Treasurer: Jack Hoy
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Financial Sec: Paul Schwartz

Board of Directors

Chair: Bob Gular
Recording Sec: Paul Schwartz
Members: Earl Yocum
Tim Freed
Mike Kehoe
Larry Myers
Steve Hoelzle

Calendar for January 2024

Date	Event	Time
1	Archery	7-9 pm
2	B.V. Monthly meeting	7:30pm
4	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
8	Archery	7-9 pm
11	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
15	Archery	7-9 pm
18	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
22	Archery	7-9
25	B.V. Board of Dir Meeting	7:30pm
25	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
28	High Power Standard Service & Match Rifle	9AM
29	Archery	7-9 pm

Reminder NO B.V. Trap 'til March
**** All Events Subject to Cancellation**
Next Club Meeting February 6, 2024

Branch Valley Sportswear

BV logo Sportswear for sale. Camo & blaze order hats, crew neck & ¼ 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 jfbslb@hotmail.com

Fish Committee

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and great fishing in 2024
The Fishing Committee

The Fishing Committee

Jack Patcella jack.equityappraisal@comcast.net

Raffle Winners 2023/2024

February 2023	William Kioro
March 2023	Darius Puzinas
April 2023	Kirt Stillings
May 2023	Tom Moyer
June 2023	Staci Dam
July 2023	Joe McGinley
August 2023	Larry Baker
September 2023	Bill Quigley
October 2023	Fred Szablewski
November 2023	Michael Brezicki
December 2023	Jacob Sprague
January 2024	A New Page?

Kitchen Committee

January Meeting Night

Bob Gular's World Famous Venison Chili

Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Iced Tea

See you soon!

Larry Myers - Kitchen Committee

Pistol Team/Indoor Range

PLEASE NOTE: THE CORRECT TIME FOR OUR WEEKLY SHOOT IS 5PM.

I start off this month by saying how much I appreciate all the extra attention the indoor shooters are giving to the range. We replaced light bulbs during our range overhaul in mid-October and NONE has been shot. No shots have gone into the ceiling, either. Good job, everyone.

I have one more request, and it involves the door leading from the main meeting room to the

indoor range. This would be the door that you use your pass card to open. This door serves several purposes. It keeps unauthorized people out of the range. It also protects the hearing of those individuals in the main meeting room. In cold weather, it also keeps the heat from escaping the main building. The small room between the security door and the wooden door of the range is unheated, as is the range itself. If you close the range door but leave the security door open, then we have cold air from the unheated portion of the range entering the main building. When using the indoor range in cold weather please note whether the security door is closed. If it is not... close it!

Rich Williams, Captain williamsrf@verizon.net

Membership

PLEASE NOTE AS SOME FORGET:

2024 MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE DISPLAYED BY ALL MEMBERS WHILE USING THE RANGES/FACILITY AT BVFG. NO EXCEPTIONS. YES...VISIBLY WORN.

It's that happy time of the year, hitting the bush and mountain for whitetails. Best of luck.

The 2024 membership badges and in. We are well into the renewals processing effort so please get them in before the Dec 31st deadline.

Any renewals past Jan 2nd are late and as such the \$50 reinstatement is charged.

Membership at 938, with 38 juniors on record including Juniors is 969

Renewals for 2024 in process now. Mail in renewal forms link is on your newsletter for next few months. Also, on our website.

Another key note that bears repeating:

Due to issues with some members violating the family membership (dependent children) policy; ages 18- 22 enrolled as Fulltime college students NOTE: BVFG has dissolved 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. 18 and over can move to an adult membership.

IF MEMBERS ARE NOT GETTING EMAILED NEWSLETTER BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL SERVICE SPAM POLICIES OR SETTINGS. IF STILL PROBLEM CONTACT US VIA WEBSITE EMAIL. 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 any news of interest please write to the club email address.
Please attend meetings.

Next general meeting for January 2nd at 7:30pm.

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

At meeting we will have new Pocket T shirts in Large, XL and 2XL in navy blue and medium steel grey with club emblem embroidered. Cost is \$20 now on T shirts. We can order various colors and sizes, Minimum of 6 order quantity does apply per the provider in special colors and odd sizes.

Please advise Paul Schwartz or on BVFG Hotmail address.

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.

We have 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. Also have couple of Arctic Hooded sweatshirts, super warm and high quality made in USA, for \$80. We can order them, but lead time is few months, hopefully improving soon.

Stay Warm and a Merry Christmas and to all, ENJOY. Spring now less than 12 weeks away.

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

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Rants & Ranges

This month's high power match will be held Sunday, January 28th, at 9AM until finish. This will be a service and match rifle event.

I would also like to thank the high power shooters for the generosity they showed regarding the Toys for Tots collection.

January's black powder confab will meet on Sunday the 7th at 9AM.

Rant time.
Subject: Membership abuse.

Definition: Guest Pass: An item you purchase to bring ONE (1) friend or family member to Branch Valley to participate in an activity and comply with ALL club regulations. You may not bring more than one individual and "share"

your guest pass unless you are tired of being a BV member yourself.

Definition: Family Membership: Parents or legal guardian and children UNDER 18 years of age at issuance of club yearly ID. This is strictly enforced and can, and probably will, result in removal from membership.

Warning: I will be cooking for the meeting (venison chili, Thanks to Jack Hoy) so you might want to slip a few TUMS in your pocket

Shoot safely or stay home

Bob Gular blkpdbob@comcast.net

2024 BVFGFA Rifle Matches

9AM Start 100 Yards
Open to Public with Experience
Registration Done @ Match

Date	Event	Time
January 28	Standard Service & Match Rifle	9am
February 25	Offhand, Any Rifle Match	9am
March 24	Standard Service & Match Rifle	9am
April 28	Offhand, Any Rifle Match	9am
May 26	Standard Service & Match Rifle	9am
June 23	Offhand, Any Rifle Match	9am
July 28	Carbine Rifle Match & Service Pistol @ 50 Yards	9am
August 25	Standard Service & Match Rifle	9am
September 22	Offhand, Any Rifle Match	9am
October 27	Standard Service & Match Rifle	9am
Nov 10	M1 Garand Match & Service Pistol @ 50 Yards (Vets Shoot Free)	9am
Dec 1	Vintage Military Bolt Rifle Match (Toys for Tots Program)	9am

Match Fees: \$10.00 per shooter + \$5.00 for NRA Approved Match

(Juniors, Seniors & Active Military \$5.00 Discount All Matches)

EYE & EAR PROTECTION REQUIRED @ ALL MATCHES

BVFG&F Assoc. Club Rules

Direct Inquires to:

Bob Gular – 610-631-9630 or

blkpdbob@comcast.net

Non Members MUST sign waiver

Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee is looking forward to winter. We desperately need your help with ground 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

Presidents Corner

I hope everyone had a great holiday with family and friends.

With all the warts we may think our country has in this current environment it is still the greatest nation on God's green earth to be able to gather and celebrate the season.

For those that know me, I do speak my mind. With that being said, it was a bit disappointing at the December meeting as we reached out to the members present, and there were many at meeting as the room was quite full and no one stepped up. We have a very good recording secretary in John Youells but we are losing him to the warmer weather down south. The position requires 30 to 40 minutes per month. John will be at the January meeting to help you get started in this very necessary position. So see me before the meeting and we will get this position filled.

Now that the holidays are behind us it is time to dust off the old flintlock and fill a tag or two. Here in Pa's southeast, we have an extended season to get the job done. This is not the time to put in long hours at work because it won't be till September at our next opportunity to get more venison in the freezer. So, get out and take a youngster with you.

See you at the meeting.
Gary Englemann President

Attachments

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2024 Annual Membership Renewal Form

2024 Dues Schedule

- Family: \$120.00 (include 2 raffle tickets)
- Adult single: \$105.00 (includes 2 raffle tickets)
- Juniors: \$20.00 with parental slip no raffle tickets issued for juniors.
- **Senior Couple \$90.00 Husband/Wife Age over 65 with 5 consecutive years membership. (Includes 2 raffle tickets)**
- Guest pass: \$70.00 (One (1) Adult, Family or Senior Membership)
- Renewals received after December 31, 2023, subject to \$50.00 late fee

Renewal Procedure

- Download and Print the Renewal Form
- Fill out (please print clearly)
- Mail with your check and **self-addressed stamped envelope** to:

BVFG&F P.O. Box 182 Perkasie, PA 18944
RE: 2024 Membership Renewals

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2024 Renewal (please print clearly) FOR CURRENT MEMBERS RENEWALS ONLY

Primary Membership Name: _____
Dependent children family under 18: _____, _____, _____, _____
(Include children name And Date of Birth) _____, _____, _____, _____

Address: _____

Member Number: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Able to help on _____ Committee

Membership Type:	_____ Family	Need _____ Cards	\$120.00	Under 18 yrs. of age
	_____ Single		\$105.00	
	_____ Senior		\$50.00	
	_____ Senior Couple		\$90.00	
	_____ Junior (Include Parental slip)		\$20.00	
	_____ Guest Pass (One Guest per pass Only)		\$70.00	
	_____ Late Fee (post marked after 12/31/23)		<u>\$50.00</u>	

Total enclosed: _____ \$ _____

Raffle tickets: Should we (Select one):

_____ Mail Uncompleted Cards _____ Fill Out for Me

Send Completed Form WITH SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE to:
BVFG&F PO Box 182, Perkasie, PA 18944

**IF NO SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE IS INCLUDED WITH YOUR CHECK AND RENEWAL FORM,
YOUR CARDS WILL BE IN THE PICK-UP DRAWER BENEATH THE CORK BOARD.
SORRY, NO TIME TO WRITE OUT ENVELOPES. PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROCESS.**