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February 2024 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday February 6, 2024 @ 7:30 pm

Club house 215-257-1000

Club Officers

President: Garry Englemann
Vice President: John Helfrich
Treasurer: Jack Hoy
Recording Sec: John Youells
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 February 2024

Date	Event	Time
1	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
2	4H Jr Rifle	7-9pm
4	Black Powder shoot	9am-noon
5	Archery	7-9pm
6	B.V. Monthly meeting	7:30pm
8	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
9	4H Jr Rifle	7-9pm
12	Archery	7-9pm
15	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
16	4H Jr Rifle	7-9pm
19	Archery	7-10pm
22	B. V. Pistol	5-9pm
23	4H Jr Rifle	7-9pm
25	High Power Offhand Rifle match 100 yards	9am-noon
26	Archery	7-9pm
27	B.V. Board of Dir. Meeting	7:30pm
29	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm

Reminder NO B.V. Trap 'til March

** All Events Subject to Cancellation

Next Club Meeting March 5, 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, FLEECEES, AND HATS AVAILABLE. NEW SELECTIONS OF COLORS AVAILABLE AS WELL AS NEW BRAND ON FLEECEES.**

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

Cabin Fever is best treated by looking over your fishing tackle and prepping for the upcoming season.

There are opportunities in the pond for bluegills and bass, and we need to know if the catfish are there and growing.

Pennsylvania Trout Season opens on April 6. Club season opens one week later.

Junior Members special morning on the 13th and Club opens on the 14th.

Check your lines and maybe get a bigger net!

The Fishing Committee

Jack Patcella jack.equityappraisal@comcast.net

Raffle Winners 2023/2024

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	Adam Brannan
February 2024	A Nice Valentine?

Kitchen Committee

February Meeting Night

Sliders (with a side of creamed cabbage)

Hot Dog

Pie or Muffins

Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Iced Tea

See you soon!

Larry Myers - Kitchen Committee

Pistol Team/Indoor Range

We are accumulating quite a supply of cardboard for the target backers. If you run across backers that are "really shot up" (I trust your judgement) please put them in the dumpster. If you are offering free cardboard, let's wait until the supply drops to about half of what we now have.

- **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

The 2024 membership badges are bright orange, the wearable proof of membership. Please wear them at all times while on club grounds and indoor buildings and of course the indoor range.

Any renewals past Jan 2nd are late and as such the \$50 reinstatement is charged. If there is dragging of feet on this may cost, you your slot as member.

Membership at 938, with 35 juniors on record So including 976. Nearly 55 still not renewed and time is now running out to renew. Sorry.

Mail in renewal forms link is on your newsletter will drop off in this Feb newsletter mailing. 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 starting with 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.

Still seeing some members not in synch with this. If 18 or older, kids are no longer eligible dependents under family, but can transition to adult membership fairly easily. If they miss doing at 18, 19 and older must reapply as new member.

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 Feb is on the 6th 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 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. New spreadsheet of what's now available will be posted on the indoor message board.

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 ENJOY! Spring is now less than 12 weeks away.

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

NOTE: 2024 MEMBERSHIP CARDS (BRIGHT ORANGE) MUST BE DISPLAYED BY ALL MEMBERS WHILE USING THE RANGES/FACILITY AT BVFG. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Rants & Ranges

Black Powder shooters will meet on Sunday the 4th at 9 AM, weather permitting. If the weather isn't "permitting" show up anyway' we'll think of something to do.

The High-power match will be held on Sunday the 25th at 9AM. This match will be an offhand event and is open to any rifle be it service, match, or sporting.

reminder: The indoor range will be occupied from 6:30 until 9PM Friday evenings starting February 9 through March 8th for the 4H and BV junior rimfire training. To take part you must be a 4H or Branch Valley member under eighteen years of age. The training is progressive so attendance at the beginning is important.

Note to new Branch Valley members: Memorize your rules and read the large signs posted at all the stations. If these things don't answer your questions your officers and directors can and will. If you wonder whether or not something is allowed, it probably ain't.

Shoot safely or not at all,
Bob Gular blkpdbob@comcast.net

2024 BVFGFA Rifle Matches

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

Date	Event	Time
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 spring. 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

Good February everyone.

Let's hope we have the majority of the cold and snow behind us??

If you remember a few months ago I wrote in this column about the use of drones to recover downed deer? I also mentioned that it is illegal to use the drones on state game lands. Well, it happened, the game commission set up a sting operation to nab a drone recovery company helping a client search for his deer.

The Chester County man that owns and operates the business is being charged. His penalties? fines, up to three months in jail and they seized his \$10,000 drone if convicted. How could he think of breaking such important law?

For myself, I have gone to great lengths to find wounded animals, as we all have, and if need be, I would hire a drone operator. Seem like the right thing to do.

Now on the opposite side of the coin. Pa. State Senator Jarrett Coleman is introducing a bill this month allowing the use of drones to recover deer. He said, "Pa Game Commission appears to be taking a hostile view of the use of drones in game recovery".

For the March meeting we will be welcoming a guest, Waterways Conservation Officer Michael Blair.

See you at the meeting.
Garry Englemann President

Attachments

Advertisers

2024 Member Renewal

Next Club Meeting March 5, 2024

Branch Valley Fish, Game & Forestry Association
PO Box 182
Perkasie, PA 18944

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)		\$50.00	

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.
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