

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

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## February 2023 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday February 7, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

Club house 215-257-1000

### Club Officers

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### Calendar for February 2023

**\*Outdoor Range Unavailable**

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

Date	Event	Time
5	Black Powder Shoot	9am-Noon
6	Archery	7-10pm
7	B.V. Monthly meeting	7:30 pm
9	B.V. Pistol	5-9 pm
10	4H Jr Rifle	7-9pm
11	B.V. Pistol Match	9am-1pm
13	Archery	7-9pm
16	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
17	4H Jr Rifle	7-9pm
20	Archery	7-10pm
23	B. V. Pistol	5-9pm
24	4H Jr Rifle	7-9pm
26	High Power Offhand Rifle match 100 yards	9am-noon
27	Archery	7-9 pm
28	B.V. Board of Dir. Meeting	7:30pm

**Reminder! No Trap until March**  
**Next Club Meeting March 7, 2023**

### 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](mailto:jfbslb@hotmail.com)

### Fish Committee

Spring is coming, trust me!

Fish Committee

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

### Raffle Winners 2022/2023

March 2022	Robert Witwer
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	My Valentine?

### Kitchen Committee

#### February Meeting Night

Sloppy Joes  
Hot Dog  
Chocolate Cake  
Ice Cream Sandwich  
Snack Packs  
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Iced Tea

See you soon!

Larry Myers - Kitchen Committee

### Pistol Team/Indoor Range

The Pistol Team will be hosting a match on Saturday, February 11, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The indoor range will be unavailable during that time.

Please note the regular Thursday night pistol event will be from 5pm-9pm effective at once.

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.**

Renewed members as of January 20th is 856, 34 either replied they are dropping, or no reply and unfortunately a few passed on during 2022. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to those families.

On a positive note, 2023 renewals are now closed, and we are moving into accepting some new members who are being contacted. Those who reply to the invitation for orientation we process for new membership in January & February for the most part. No replies, go to archive for short period and discarded.

2023 wearable cards are bright yellow. ALL MEMBERS MUST BE WEARING MEMBERSHIP CARDS for 2023 by Jan 1st, WHEN ON THE GROUND. NO EXCEPTIONS.

PLEASE NOTE SO THIS IS 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 EMAILED NEWSLETTER, THEY NEED TO CONTACT US VIA 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, 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 any news of interest please write to the club email address.

Please attend meetings. Next general meeting is February 7th, 2023 @ 7:30pm.

NOTE: HARRISBURG ANNUAL OUTDOOR SHOW IS FEB 4-12, 2023, AT THE FARM SHOW CENTER.

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

Harrisburg NRA Outdoor Show in February. Look for emails and NRA news releases for dates and events.

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 [apps314@gmail.com](mailto:apps314@gmail.com)

New Arctic Hooded sweatshirts in various colors will 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, available hooded sweatshirts, full zip. for sale at the club meeting. Let me know via email link on website if preference for more colors.

Get out and enjoy all the things this season has to offer. Heard the deer harvest was fair to good, with decent weather contributing to much success.

**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

The January 22nd high-power match was attended by seven shooters. High gun was Mark Schaefer with a 482-17x, edging out Hays Raab's 482-9x. Not bad shooting while shivering.

This month's high-power match will be held on the 26th and will be of the offhand variety. Any rifle allowed.

The monthly Black Power shoot will be on Sunday, February 5th starting at 9AM.

Starting on Friday evening February 10th from 7PM until 9PM in the Indoor Range, we will be holding the annual 4H/Junior Rifle training. Training will run for five consecutive Fridays, ending March 10th. Class is open to 4H and Branch Valley members only. If taking part, it is important to be there from the beginning.

In the "Here he goes again" department: DO NOT dispose of unfired rounds in the trash containers. Please put them in the provided (and labeled) receptacles in plain sight between the hundred and the fifty yard firing lines. And yes, I'm writing this because somebody has done this. C'mon Man!!

Shoot safely or stay home.  
[blkpdbob@comcast.net](mailto:blkpdbob@comcast.net)

## Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee is looking towards winter. 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

## Presidents Words February 2023

Opening Day of Buck Season!!

I came across an article that State Representative Brian Smith is introducing a bill to return opening rifle deer season back to the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Now would be a good time to express your opinion and call your local state representative before the bill comes to a vote on the floor. Why is it that our politicians are setting our wildlife management policies?

Most of us are aware and have attended the Sportsmen Show in Harrisburg in the past. This year's show is February 4th thru the 12th.

We have a local gun show in Allentown that isn't widely publicized, it is the non-profit Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society. This group of people are for the preservation of antique and militia firearms. This group is very knowledgeable and enjoys sharing this great nation's history of weaponry. Their next show is February 11th and 12th. Take a youngster to pass it on or we will lose the next generation. If you have an antique firearm you would like information on bring it along and someone will be able to identify it and give you some details.

Please bring me your ideas for the betterment of the club.

Have a great month and see you at the meeting.

If we haven't met, please stop and introduce yourself to me.

Respectfully,  
Garry Englemann President

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