

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

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## May 2023 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday May 2, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

Club house 215-257-1000

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### Calendar for May 2023

**\*Outdoor Range Unavailable**

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

Date	Event	Time
1	Archery	7-9pm
2	B.V. Monthly meeting	7:30pm
3	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm
4	B.V. Pistol	7-10 pm
7	Black Powder	7-noon
8	Archery	7-9pm
10	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm
11	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm
15	Archery	7-9pm
17	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm
18	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm
21	NRA Approved High Power Standard Service & Match Rifle	9am
22	Archery	7-9pm
24	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm
25	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm
29	Archery	7-9pm
30	B.V. Board of Dir. Meeting	7:30pm
31	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm

Next Club Meeting June6, 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 [jfb5lb@hotmail.com](mailto:jfb5lb@hotmail.com)

### Fish Committee

The Trout season started with the most attended Junior Member Day that we have had in recent memory. The fish did not cooperate that morning, but the successful Juniors caught large trout.

We have also had more trout caught than in recent memories with even pages of reports filled in by the end of the second week. There are many trout still in the pond, you must have a line in the water if you want to catch them.

Many of the trout have pinkish or even red flesh. Reports are that they are excellent on the table. Enjoy them while you can.

Fish Committee

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

### Raffle Winners 2022/2023

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	Darius Puzinas
April 2023	Kirt Stillings
May 2023	Flowers for Mom?

### Kitchen Committee

#### April Meeting Night

Hoagies  
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

#### 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](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.**

Few new members are yet pending orientation. Next targeting Wednesday evening April 26th.

Membership at 905 including Juniors.

#### 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 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 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, if there is any news of interest, please write to the club email address. Please attend meetings. Next general meeting is May 2nd, 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

T shirts can be ordered in various colors and sizes. Minimum order quantity does apply per the provider.

Please advise at [appps314@gmail.com](mailto:appps314@gmail.com) or on BVFG Hotmail address.

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, some fleece jackets plus 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.

Happy Spring everyone. Trout fishing once again is fantastic.

**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 winner of the April High-power Offhand match was Hays Raab with a 476/500 score. The unofficial high score was an impressive 497/500 prone score fired by Sean Prosser. Also, welcome Don Moyer.

This month's match will be held on the 28th, will be a standard service and match rifle event, and will be dedicated to a fallen Veteran named at the event.

Black Powder shoot will be May 7th, and we hope to welcome Joe Gontek back after a long recovery from illness.

Branch Valley will be hosting a 4H Field Day on June 10th from 8AM until completion. It

includes archery, air rifle, 22 rimfire, shotgun, and I'm not sure what else.

The Bucks County rifle team will hold practice sessions for this event in the indoor range from 7 to 9 PM on Friday June 2nd and 9th.

The overhead structure at the outdoor range(s) is there for safety and protection and is not to be used as a sighting in medium. I shouldn't have to say this, but at least one member needs clarification regarding this issue.

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

## Presidents Corner May 2023

To the members, I hope this note finds you well this spring.

We find ourselves once again defending our rights from the power hungry, "we know what is best for you in Washington" politicians. For most of my life I can remember my family discussing this around the dinner table. We need to be always on the front line protecting our

"Rights". Why I bring this up is, May 16th primary election day. Be sure you know how even our local people seek election if they are willing to defend our fragile Constitution and Bill of Rights?

I just read a headline "Pa. Game Commission expects lines and slowdowns with the new doe tag sales". It appears our mailing of the pink envelopes is a thing of the past. On the fourth Monday of June, we will be standing in lines at your license vendor buying your doe tags over the counter or sitting in front of your computer trying to navigate the new process online. Bryan Burhams, Game Commissioner executive director, "It could be most people go online or go to Walmart. We anticipate at peak times it's going to slow the system down". Oh boy sounds like fun times for all!

On a lighter note. The kid's day fishing went well and there were some whoppers caught. They fished hard as the trout weren't that cooperative. We have seen some really nice fish coming out of the pond this year. A big thank you to the fish committee. And to the kitchen crew on opening day. The breakfast was great. Next year, even if you are not fishing, opening day bring the family for a hearty breakfast.

Hope to see you at the meeting. And till next month all the best.  
Garry Englemann President

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