

BRANCH VALLEY FISH, GAME & FORESTRY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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June 2023 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday June 6, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

Club house 215-257-1000

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President: Garry Englemann
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Mike Kehoe
Larry Myers
Steve Hoelzle

Calendar for June 2023

*Outdoor Range Unavailable

** All Events Subject to Cancellation

Date	Event	Time
1	BV Pistol	5pm
2	4H Practice	7 to 9pm
4	Black Powder	9am-noon
5	Archery	7pm
6	BV Monthly Meeting	7:30pm
7	BV Trap*	6-10pm
8	BV Pistol	5pm
9	4H Practice	7 to 9pm
10	4H Field Day	7am-4pm
12	Archery	7pm
14	BV Trap*	6-10pm
15	BV Pistol	5pm
19	Archery	7pm
21	BV Trap*	6-10pm
27	BV Directors Meeting	7:30pm
28	BV Trap*	6 to 10pm
29	BV Pistol	5pm

Next Club Meeting July 11, 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 jfbslb@hotmail.com

Fish Committee

Trout are still coming out of the pond. 700 registered so far; still a few left.

The trouble is getting bait past the bluegills and bass.

Good fishing!

Fish Committee

Jack Patcella jack.equityappraisal@comcast.net

Raffle Winners 2022/2023

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 Kiro
March 2023	Darius Puzinas
April 2023	Kirt Stillings
May 2023	Tom Moyer
June 2023	Betsy Ross?

Kitchen Committee

June Meeting Night

Cheeseburgers & Hamburgers

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:

When shooting please stand close enough to put your shots on the target.

Do NOT, however, stand closer than the seven-yard line.

If you fire a string of shots and find no holes in the target, then nobody (including YOU) has any idea where those shots impacted.

Keeping your shots inside the trap is your responsibility.

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

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 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.

Membership is going along smoothly. We hope all are doing well this spring on Trout and Turkey. Walleye and pickerel open also now. Bass 1st Saturday after June 11th.

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.

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 6th @ 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 or 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.

Happy Spring everyone. Trout fishing once again was 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 June High-power match will be held on Sunday the 25th and will be of the offhand variety consisting of two 25 round targets. Service, match, and hunting rifles allowed.

Black powder shoot will be June 4th at 9AM.

The annual 4H field day will be held on Saturday June 10th. Set-up starts at 7AM and events begin about 8AM until completion and award presentations.

The Bucks County Rifle Team will be holding practice in the indoor range from 7 until 9 PM on the two Friday evenings prior to the competition. That would be June 2nd and June 9th. Sorry for any inconvenience created.

Any members willing to lend a hand on the 10th will be met with appreciation. Would also like some assistance in the kitchen dispensing hot dogs and drinks.

Thanks to the Grounds Committee guys for their efforts on our behalf.

Pick up your brass, you wouldn't get away with this at home.

Bob Gular 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
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 June 2023

Here we are starting the summer and that means one thing for anglers: Bass Opener is just around the corner. So, dust off your Jitterbugs, Creekchubs and Lazy Ikes.

Now that I am thinking about it those are really old-time lures. Well, I still have and use them. Guess I am showing my age. Looking in my tackle box is the history of fishing over the past six decades. I am looking forward to seeing some photos posted at the club of some of the kids holding up some nice bass.

On a more serious note. Is it me or am I seeing more and more "Gun Free Zone" signs? They seem to be everywhere you go, malls, movie theaters certain areas in your hometown, and the list can fill this page. Some privately owned businesses even post gun free signs. It is getting more difficult to go about your life if you carry

to navigate the maze. I guess some people that walk among us don't realize there are good guys and gals that carry and there are the bad. Us law abiding folks are the good guys.

Till next month I wish you well and see you at the pond.

Garry Englemann President

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