

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

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## March 2024 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday March 5, 2024 @ 7:30 pm Club house 215-257-1000

### Club Officers

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Tim Freed  
Mike Kehoe  
Larry Myers  
Steve Hoelzle

### Calendar for March 2024

Date	Event	Time
1	4H JR Rifle	7-9pm
3	Black Powder Shoot	9:00am
4	Archery	7-9 pm
5	B.V. Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
7	B.V. Pistol	5-7pm
8	4H JR Rifle	7-9pm
11	Archery	7-9 pm
14	B.V. Pistol	5-7pm
16	B.V. Pistol MATCH*	8am-12:30
18	Archery	7-9 pm
21	B.V. Pistol	5-7 pm
24	Standard Service & Match Rifle	9:00am
25	Archery	7-9 pm
26	B.V. Board of Dir. Meeting	7:30pm
28	B.V. Pistol	5-7pm

Reminder NO B.V. Trap 'til March

\*Range closed for match \*

\*\* All Events Subject to Cancellation

Next Club Meeting April 2, 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](mailto:jfbslb@hotmail.com)

### Fish Committee

The Trout have been ordered. They will be delivered on either April 10 or 11, based on the hatchery timing and available trucks. We will post a definite timing when it is known.

Junior members are invited to fish on April 13 from 8AM until noon.

Club members are invited to the pre-opening breakfast at 6AM on April 14; the pond opens at 8AM.

As we have done in the past year, we ask that the outdoor ranges are closed while the junior members are fishing on April 13. We also ask that the first week of the season be reserved for members only. Guests are invited starting on April 21.

The Fishing Committee

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

### Raffle Winners 2023/2024

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	Aaron Weirbach
March 2024	Nice Easter Eggs?

### Kitchen Committee

#### March Meeting Night

Cheesesteak Sandwich

Hot Dog

Pie

Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Iced Tea

See you soon!

Larry Myers - Kitchen Committee

### Pistol Team/Indoor Range

#### Special Notice:

The Pistol Team will be hosting a special match on Saturday, March 16. The indoor range will be unavailable from 8:00 until 12:30.

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](mailto: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.

Membership at 942, with 35 juniors on record So including 977. Time has now run out for renewing, however some exceptions of physical illness or special circumstances.

Another keynote 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 choice. 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 sync with this. If they are 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 there is any news of interest please write to the club email address.  
Please attend meetings.  
Next general meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

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

At the meeting we will have new Pocket T shirts in Large, XL and 2XL in navy blue and medium steel grey with club emblem embroidered. The cost is \$20 now for the 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. A 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 the lead time is a 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

The March High-power match is scheduled for Sunday, March 24th at 9 AM. This match will be a standard service and match rifle event.

To clarify the difference between service and/or match rifle: service rifles are as issued or copies of the same with iron sights while match rifles are either modified or custom built for competitive shooting. This can include special barrels, custom stock configurations, optic sight

systems, special chambering, and more. Most if not all match rifles are pretty individualistic and reflect the wants and needs of their owner.

4H junior rifle report: As of this writing we have completed three of the five scheduled sessions. We several new shooters along with the veterans. To date there have not been any problems concerning safety or training issues. Also, thanks to the coaching staff and our professional loading block technician.

The outdoor range, especially the thirty-yard section is going to receive a major renovation to replace the much-used structure and to make the shooting lanes more usable. There will also be repairs effected on the rest of the range as needed. This project will render the outdoor range unavailable when/while work is being done. Thank you for your understanding.

Not my department, but we have a nice batch of trout ordered and a donation to alleviate the considerable fund outlay would be appreciated.

Shoot safely, or risk confrontation.  
Bob Gular blkpdbob@comcast.net

## 2024 BVFGFA Rifle Matches

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

Date	Event	Time
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](mailto: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](mailto:mikereiner@comcast.net)  
215-237-4187

## Presidents Corner

Hi Ya'll!

Figured I would start off with a Southern flair in this article. That is about all the South's language I know. Oh, one other saying you gotta love is "bless his little heart". I like to throw that one out there from time to time.

In just a few short weeks it is time for the Branch Valley trout opener.

**Please be aware that you may NOT use a guest pass for the first week of our season. Check the newsletter for our dates and other rules.**

Staying on the fishing topic, our guest speaker this month is our local acting Waterways Conservation Officer Michael Blair. He will be informing us of the latest changes to the regulations. Oh, and he promised to give us the inside scoop of the best fishing holes to wet your line.

Getting ready.... buying new reeds, dusting off the old box calls and maybe even washing my camo for the Pa's turkey opener. The turkey hunters are already discussing the opening day tactics and listening for faint gobbles. In this area they're faint as you are hard pressed to find a bird.

I was reading an article in the American Rifleman about "registered Democrats are buying guns like never before". Maybe some are coming on board because they see what this anti-gun culture is doing to our rights. Maybe they are seeing these laws that strip us of our rights are not keeping our families any safer?

Have a great spring and see you at the meeting.

See you at the meeting.  
Garry Englemann President

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