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## January 2023 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday January 3, 2023 @ 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 January 2023

\*Outdoor Range Unavailable

\*\* All Events Subject to Cancellation

Date	Event	Time
2	Archery	7-9 pm
3	B.V. Monthly Meeting	7:30pm
5	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm
9	Archery	7-9 pm
12	B.V. Pistol	7-10 pm
16	Archery	7-9 pm
19	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm
22	High Power Standard Service & Match Rifle	9am
23	Archery	7-9 pm
30	Archery	7-9pm
31	B.V. Board of Dir. Meeting	7:30pm

Reminder! No Trap until March  
Next Club Meeting February 7, 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](mailto:jfbslb@hotmail.com)

### Fish Committee

Happy New Year!

Fish Committee

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

### Raffle Winners 2022/2023

February 2022	Giovanni Iadonisi
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	A New Beginning?

### Kitchen Committee

#### January Meeting Night

Pizza slice Pepperoni  
Pizza slice Plain  
Hot Dog  
Chocolate Cake  
Chocolate Chip Cookies  
Ice Cream Sandwich  
Snack Packs  
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Iced Tea

See you soon!

Larry Myers - Kitchen Committee

### Pistol Team/Indoor Range

One of the questions newer shooters often have is "How far back should I stand?"

Definitely you must be back at least seven yards, which puts you behind the red line on the floor.

Standing closer puts you in danger of being hit by bullet fragments that sometimes bounce out of the trap. Opting to stand all the way at the back of the room is a problem because new shooters often cannot hit the bullet trap from that distance.

Instead, they inadvertently fire rounds into the floor, the walls, or the ceiling. Shooting into the ceiling causes a secondary problem in that the bullet can easily continue through the roof, resulting in one or more leaks. To avoid damaging the roof, you must be certain that your shot will hit the trap.

Start at the red seven-yard line and fire a few rounds at your target. Next, count the holes in your target. If all your shots hit the target, then you can consider backing up a bit. From eight or nine yards try the same exercise. If any of your shots miss the target completely then you are at your limit.

You should practice at this distance or closer until all your shots are "on paper". Wondering if you can hit the target from the back of the room will tempt you to go beyond your ability. Trying things that are beyond your ability is always a bad idea when it involves a gun!

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 December 20th are just over 500, with 350 or more outstanding.

Need to get these into us or lose your slot. Last year very low percentage dropped off, less than 6%. Those who reply to invitation for orientation we process for new membership in January. No replies, then it goes to archive for short period and discarded.

2023 Memberships renewals flowing at increasing rate. New cards are yellow for 2023. ALL MEMBERS MUST BE WEARING MEMBERSHIP CARDS for 2023 by Jan 1st, WHEN ON THE GROUND. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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 2023 will be requesting information on dependent in household children. Those 18 and over much 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, 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 there is any news of interest, please write to the club email address. Please attend meetings. Next general meeting is January 3rd. 2023 @ 7:30pm.

Otherwise refer to this newsletter for current issues 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 \$20.00

If anyone has suggestions for T shirts in various colors and sizes, please advise at [appps314@gmail.com](mailto:appps314@gmail.com).

New Arctic Hooded sweatshirts in various colors will re-offer again when supply gets better. Most L, EX and 2XL some larger frames on most items available. BVFG Crewneck sweatshirts, Light denim shirts, T Shirts, Fleecees with camo sleeves, camo and blaze orange hats available 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. Seeing lots of deer in local area and preferably not coming over the hood of your car or truck.

**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

Wishing all a Happy and Prosperous 2023!

The January High power match, a standard service and match rifle event, will be held Sunday the 22nd starting at 9AM. Wear warm

clothing, uncomfortable shooting leaves a lot to be desired.

No Black Powder event is scheduled because of New Year's Day but we will try to get together on another date.

Congratulations to Garry Engelmann on his election to the Branch Valley Presidency and thanks to Dave Youells for his many years (I lost count) of service.

And as long as I'm in "thanking mode", I would also include my fellow Directors and Officers for all of the services they unselfishly provide "under the radar"

The Bucks County 4H .22 rifle training course will be held Friday evenings from seven until nine PM in the indoor range for five weeks beginning on February tenth through March tenth. This program is open only to 4H members and Branch Valley members kids.

Keep your muzzle pointed in the right direction. [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, advise 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

### January 2023

Hello fellow members,  
As I write this winter has definitely arrived, outside temp 6 degrees.

To start, something needs to be acknowledged. Dave Youells has served as our club president for more than two decades and deserves lots of credit for his devotion and service. Thanks, from all the club Dave.

Just a little bit about myself. I have been a member of Branch Valley for my entire life, and that is more years than I care to admit here. Like lots of you, hunting with friends and family was and still is one of the joys of life. For the past forty plus years it has been mostly as a muzzleloader hunter. But you can throw some bow hunting into the mix as well. I will go about anywhere in these great United States to get a crack at a turkey with a smoke pole. I am always interested in hearing about anyone's good hunting story.

Moving forward I expect to attend as many club events as possible. The club president may not have voting rights on the board, but I believe it his responsibility to be a good ambassador at the the club sponsored events.

I hope you can bring me your ideas and concerns that I may present and discuss at the board meetings. Looking forward to serving you for many years to come,

Lord permitting.  
Garry Englemann President

## Next Club Meeting February 7, 2023

**ALL MEMBERS MUST WEAR THEIR 2022/2023 MEMBERSHIP CARDS ON PERSON AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE CLUB GROUNDS.**

## Attachments

Advertisers  
Renewal Application

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## 2023 Annual Membership Renewal Form

### 2023 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, 2022 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: 2022 Membership Renewals**

**CUT BELOW AND RETURN LOWER HALF ONLY IN SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE PLEASE**



**2023 Renewal (please print clearly)**  
**FOR CURRENT MEMBERS RENEWALS ONLY**

Primary Membership Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dependent children family under 18: \_\_\_\_\_  
Includes 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
	_____ <b>Guest Pass (One Guest per pass Only)</b>		\$70.00
	_____ Late Fee (post marked after 12/31/22)		\$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,  
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