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December 2023 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday December 5, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

Club house 215-257-1000

Club Officers

President: Garry Englemann
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Tim Freed
Mike Kehoe
Larry Myers
Steve Hoelzle

Calendar for December 2023

Date	Event	Time
3	Vintage military Bolt Rifle Match TOYS FOR TOT'S	9am
4	Archery	7-9 pm
5	B.V. Monthly mtg.	7:30pm
7	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
11	Archery	7-9 pm
14	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
18	Archery	7-9 pm
21	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm
25	Christmas	Enjoy!
26	B.V. Board of Dir. Meeting	7:30pm
28	B.V. Pistol	5-9pm

*Outdoor Range Unavailable

** All Events Subject to Cancellation

Next Club Meeting January 2, 2024

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

CATFISH ARE TO BE RELEASED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

We have stocked 52 Channel Catfish that are 8 inches as a sample that may lead to more catfish in the future. We want to ensure the continued maintenance of the bass and bluegill population before adding more catfish.

Most members enjoying the summer fishing do so on a catch and release basis and we are establishing a requirement that you release catfish until further notice.

If successful, these fish will be 12 inches in 6 months. We hope the rest of the fish continue to thrive as well.

The hatchery recommends the mix of species and there have been continued requests from members and the Board. Please note any catches on the fish reporting sheet at the member sign in desk.

The Fishing Committee

Fish Committee

Jack Patcella jack.equityappraisal@comcast.net

Raffle Winners 2023/2024

January 2023	Joseph Gibbons
February 2023	William Kioro
March 2023	Darius Puzinas
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	A Secret Santa?

Kitchen Committee

December Meeting Night

Surprise Menu! Come Hungry
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Iced Tea
See you soon!

Larry Myers - Kitchen Committee

Pistol Team/Indoor Range

PLEASE NOTE: THE CORRECT TIME FOR OUR WEEKLY SHOOT IS 5PM.

I see colder weather on the horizon, which means it is time for my annual request for reasonable use of the heaters on the indoor range.

We have a nice overhead heating system for those who like to shoot in the winter. There are heaters over all popular shooting positions. The controls for these heaters are on the back wall and are oriented to match the location of the heater in the ceiling. The heater on the far left is controlled by the timer on the far left, etc.

The heater is infrared, which means it heats bodies, but not the air. Please use the heater over your shooting position ONLY.

Although the system can deliver tens of thousands of kilowatts of power, it will not increase the temperature of the range. Turning on unnecessary heaters simply results in the club forwarding our dues to the electric company. I am sure we can find better uses for dues than that!

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

PLEASE NOTE AS SOME FORGET:

ALL MEMBERS MUST DISPLAY 2023 MEMBERSHIP CARDS (YELLOW for 2023) WHILE USING THE RANGES/FACILITY AT BVFG. NO EXCEPTIONS. YES...WORN, NOT LEFT IN THE CAR...PLEASE?

Happy time of the year, hitting the bush and mountain for whitetails. Best of luck.

The 2024 membership badges and in. We are well into the renewals processing effort so please get them in before the Dec 31st deadline.

Any renewals past Jan 2nd are late and as such the \$50 reinstatement is charged.

Membership at 938, with 32 juniors on record including Juniors is 968

Renewals for 2024 are in process now. Mail in renewal forms link is on your newsletter for the next few months. Also, on our website.

As of November 19th, 260 have been renewed. Please get these in to avoid the end of the year rush.

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 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. 18 and over can move to an adult membership.

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.

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 an assortment of 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.

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 a couple of Arctic Hooked sweatshirts, super warm and high quality made in the USA, for \$80. We can order them, but the lead time is a few months, hopefully improving soon.

November already, GANG Get your heater checked and remove your exterior hoses from house faucets. Please enjoy the great weather. Still mowing for few weeks yet, Yee hah.

Good luck for next weekend's Deer opener. Be aware of the updated CWD changes/requirement this PGC fiscal year.

Steelhead cruising upriver for food sources natural salmon eggs, normal for last fall into winter. Dress warm and stay dry.

Regards, Paul S. PR Membership Committee/Director/Financial Secretary

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Outdoor Ranges

The Military bolt action rifle match is to be held Sunday, December 3rd at 9AM. Score qualifying rifles are to be bolt action military as issued by any army. Admission fee is Twenty dollars or a toy of at least that value. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the local Toys for Tots program. If you do not care to shoot the match, we would appreciate your dropping off a toy or donation anyway.

There will be no "official" black powder shoot this month.

To the person or persons shooting the 20 gauge on the thirty-yard range and were obviously in a hurry to leave: Do not worry, somebody else cleaned up after you.

Your Branch Valley key card and badge(s) are for your use only. You may not loan them to a friend, relative, or any non-member. Doing so will result in the immediate loss of your membership.

Keep your muzzle pointed in the right direction. Bob Gular blkpdbob@comcast.net

Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee is looking forward to winter. 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
215-237-4187

Presidents Corner

Good Thanksgiving everyone!

I hope you were able to enjoy the time with your family and friends.

For our December 5th meeting we will be having a guest speaker. He is Mark Houck. Mark is challenging Brian Fitzpatrick for the congressional District 01. If I remember correctly Fitzpatrick did come to speak to us when he was challenging the incumbent. Have we seen him since?

Please give some thought to questions to ask him to see if he differs from our current representative?

On a personal opinion. The Saturday deer opener just is not working for me. A lot of us need to leave for camp Thanksgiving Day or very early Friday morning to get chores done at camp and be sure no ash trees came down across our shooting lanes. Maybe it is just me, but it just seems so stinking rushed? I guess it could be my advanced years as I slow down. The only time we get to spend with each other in camp, to embellish the stories from last year is 5am in the morning and 6 to 9 in the evening.

At camp, a couple of days ago we had a medical emergency by one of the guys in camp. Fortunately, all worked out well for him. But it did involve a rather frantic 20-minute truck drive to meet the ambulance on the side of the road part way to the hospital so they could take him the rest of the way. Bad things can happen at camp! Please be sure everyone knows some of the basics for temporary medical care. And be sure everyone knows where the closest Urgent Care and hospital are located. When an emergency does happen... that is not the time to try and figure out what direction you need to drive.

Since this is my last article before the next holiday, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas

Garry Englemann President

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2024 Annual Membership Renewal Form

2024 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, 2023, 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: 2024 Membership Renewals

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2024 Renewal (please print clearly)
FOR CURRENT MEMBERS RENEWALS ONLY

Primary Membership Name: _____

Dependent children family under 18: _____
(Include 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	
	_____ Guest Pass (One Guest per pass Only)		\$70.00	
	_____ Late Fee (post marked after 12/31/23)		\$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:
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**IF NO SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE IS INCLUDED WITH YOUR CHECK AND RENEWAL FORM,
YOUR CARDS WILL BE IN THE PICK-UP DRAWER BENEATH THE CORK BOARD.
SORRY, NO TIME TO WRITE OUT ENVELOPES. PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROCESS.**