

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

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## August 2023 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday August 1, 2023 @ 7:30 pm Club house 215-257-1000

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Steve Hoelzle

### Calendar for August 2023

Date	Event	Time
1	B.V. Monthly Meeting	7:30pm
2	B. V. Trap*	6-10pm
3	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm
6	Black Powder Shoot	9am-12
7	Archery	7-9pm
9	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm
10	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm
12	B.V. H T E	8am till?
14	Archery	7-9pm
16	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm
18	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm
21	Archery	7-9pm
23	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm
24	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm
27	Std Service & Match Rifle	9am
28	Archery	7-9 pm
29	B.V. Board of Dir. Meeting	7:30pm
30	B.V. Trap*	6-10pm
31	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm

\*Outdoor Range Unavailable

\*\* All Events Subject to Cancellation

Next Club Meeting September 5, 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

The pond is in decent summer condition. Rains in late June and early July have increased the flow and clarity is fair. The small pond has a lot of algae, but this is good for small fish for feeding and protection. The large pond is less congested. There are many frog egg masses, and we expect a large hatch of tadpoles providing food for the many sunfish, bluegills and bass that are prowling the edges.

Enjoy the Summer days--and take a kid fishing!

Fish Committee

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

### Raffle Winners 2022/2023

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	Tom Moyer
June 2023	Staci Dam
July 2023	Joe McGinley
August 2023	For the Dog Days?

### Kitchen Committee

#### August Meeting Night

Sloppy Joes  
Chocolate Cake  
Ice Cream Sandwich  
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](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.**

We have a few new members yet pending orientation. They will be notified in early June. Another session tentative around week of July 5th.

Membership count is 917 members with 30 juniors on record for a total of 949.

Renewals for 2024 will start in the Mid Sept timeframe.

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](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.

Also, if there is any news of interest, please write to the club email address.

Please attend meetings. Next general meeting June 27th @ 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 [apps314@gmail.com](mailto:apps314@gmail.com) or [bvfgf@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

Summer is upon us already. Enjoy. Please enjoy the great weather. Lake Ontario and heating up for Salmon and into September. St. Lawrence River for walleye and small mouth great places to wet your line.

**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

Black Powder shooters meet on Sunday the 6th for the usual informal event involving muzzleloading and black powder cartridge guns. All members and legal guests are welcome. Start time is 9AM.

High Power match will be held on Sunday, the 27th and will be of the service and match rifle variety. 9AM start time as usual. Before you squeeze the trigger be certain that your shot is going into the backstop. Ground strikes can cause problems.

Shoot safely, please  
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

## BVFGFA Trap

**Trap is Back on Wednesdays!**

Hours: Wednesdays, 6:00- 9:30-10:00PM  
Cost: 25 birds \$ 6.00 Call your own. If cold temperatures below 25F, rainy, we do not open.

If there is a poor turnout, we close earlier. The Shotgun Committee needs helpers for Wednesday evening shoots. Please contact Larry @ 267-424-0295 Please reach out and thank Larry for continuing to make this event happen.

## Presidents Corner August 2023

Good summer day fellow members, As the year progresses and I continue to go into the freezer to get venison out to cook on the grill and to make chili I took note at the declining number of packages. In fact, I am down to two packs of dried venison. I guess what I am getting at it is, it's time to start thinking about the archery season is fast approaching.

In general, I look at sportsmen as a giving and helpful group of people by nature. With that being said, maybe this year is a good year to consider donating a portion of your harvest to the less fortunate in our community. It is easy to donate to these families through our regional food banks. Just Google "Hunter Sharing Harvest Program" to find a local participating butcher in your area. It is easy just to tell the butcher how much you wish to donate, and they take care of the rest. With the economy not in the best shape this may be one way to help less fortunate families than ourselves. This program has donated nearly 2.2 million pounds over the past 32 years to food banks. Let's get Branch Valley to do our part.

At this month's meeting we'll have 2 special guests:  
Sherri Labs candidate for Bucks County Treasurer  
Chuck Stockert candidate for Bucks County Coroner

See you at the meeting!  
Garry Englemann President

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