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

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**April 2024 Newsletter** 

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday April 2, 2024 @ 7:30 pm Club house 215-257-1000

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#### Calendar for April 2024

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Date	April 2024	Time			
1	Archery	5-9pm			
2	B.V. Monthly	7:30pm			
	meeting				
3	B.V. Trap	6-10pm			
4	B.V. Pistol	5-7 pm			
7	Black powder	9am-12			
8	Archery	5-9pm			
10	B.V. Trap	6-10pm			
11	B.V. Pistol	5-7pm			
13	Kids Fishing	8am-noon			
14	Fishing	6am			
	Breakfast				
14	Opening	8am			
	Fishing				
15	Archery	5-9pm			
17	B. V. Trap	6-10pm			
18	B.V. Pistol	5-7pm			
22	Archery	5-9pm			
24	B.V. Trap	6-10pm			
25	B.V. Pistol	7-10pm			
28	High Power	9am			
	off hand any				
	rifle match				
29	Archery	5-9pm			
30	B.V. board of	7:30pm			
	Dir. Meeting				
** All Events Subject to Concellation					

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## **Branch Valley Sportswear**

BV logo Sportswear for sale. Camo & blaze order hats, crew neck & ½ 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 Stocking will occur on April 10 or 11 this year. The Hatchery will advise us on the actual date and time as they set their schedule in April.

The 2024 Trout Season will start at 8AM on April 14. As has been traditional, there will be a breakfast starting 6AM served in the clubhouse. The first week of the season is reserved for members only. Guest passes are honored starting on Sunday, April 21. Please read the Club rules on the website for fishing regulations.

Junior members are invited to fish on April 13 from 8:00 to 12:00. Junior members comply with the same regulations as all members, and we ask that they be guided in ethical adherence to the rules. This includes the two fish limit.

Enjoy the fishing!

Fish Committee

Jack Patcella jack.equityappraisal@comcast.net

#### Raffle Winners 2023/2024

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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	Mike Reiner
April 2024	Spring Wardrobe?

## **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.

## Kitchen Committee March Meeting Night

Chili Cheese Dog
Hot Dog
Brownies
Ice Cream Sandwich
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Iced Tea
See you soon!
Larry Myers - Kitchen Committee

## Pistol Team/Indoor Range

We are accumulating quite a supply of carboard 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

## 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 building and of course the indoor range.

Membership at 910, with 35 juniors on record total including juniors 945 with adjusting for 2023 drops.

Time has now run out for renewing, however some exceptions of physical illness or special circumstances. Another key note 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 option. This change is in effect starting with 2023 calendar year and in effect for renewing in 2023. All renewal forms will be requesting information on dependent in household children. 18 and over should move to an adult membership. 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, then 19 and older must reapply as a 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 April 2, 2024, at

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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 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 few months, hopefully improving

Spring has arrived. Let's all get out to drown some quality bait and tie some new flies!

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**

Black powder shooters will meet for the monthly social event on Sunday the 7th at 9AM. There will be no actual match involved, mostly just shooting and an exchange of information, some of which may actually be factual.

High power match will be held on Sunday the 28th at 9AM. This will be an offhand match open to service, match, and sporting rifles.

Outdoor range renovation is underway and is "weather specific" and will not be available for use when workers are present. The 30-yard range is undergoing a major facelift and will not be available until completion. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Opening Day Trout Breakfast: Kitchen Crew please report at 5AM on the 14th for preparation of food and set-up. Buffet open from 6AM until 8AM.

The menu will be scrambled eggs, ham, pancakes, world class home fries, toast, juice, and coffee. Suggested donation for this is only seven dollars a person. Thank you.

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	9am
	& Match Rifle	
April 28	Offhand, Any	9am
	Rifle Match	
May 26	Standard Service	9am
	& Match Rifle	
June 23	Offhand, Any	9am
	Rifle Match	
July 28	Carbine Rifle	9am
	Match & Service	
	Pistol @ 50	
	Yards	
August 25	Standard Service	9am
	& Match Rifle	
September	Offhand, Any	9am
22	Rifle Match	
October	Standard Service	9am
27	& Match Rifle	
Nov 10	M1 Garand	9am
	Match & Service	
	Pistol @ 50	
	Yards (Vets	
	Shoot Free)	
Dec 1	Vintage Military	9am
	Bolt Rifle Match	
	(Toys for Tots	
	Program)	

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

#### **Grounds Committee**

The Grounds Committee is looking forward to spring. We desperately need your help with ground care this year.

Non-Members MUST sign waiver.

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 - <u>mikereiner@comcast.net</u> 215-237-4187

#### **Presidents Corner**

Most of us are glad to see winter in the rearview mirror. Fortunately, it was not all that bad. Only had to get the shovel out a few times. Since spring has sprung it also brings mood swings in the weather. And let's not forget the mud and the yard work.

Don't misunderstand me, I am glad to see spring here but there is something to be said about wintery days when you can't go outside to work and just sit in your Lazyboy! Just saying.

If you remember I mentioned in a previous article about a fellow with a deer drone recovery service being charged with operating the done over Welsh Mountain Nature Preserve. It went to court, and they found him guilty of operating the drone in a restricted area. He was fined \$1500. Could have been a lot worse. The max fine was \$2500 and three months in jail. He is filing an appeal.

We have an upcoming local event. Pennsylvania Antique Gun Collectors is having a gun show at East Greenville Fire House. Show hours are Friday March the 29th from 11am to 5pm and Saturday March 30th from 9am to 3pm. Stop in and look at the works of art I have collected throughout the years.

Till next month go and defend our Constitution! Garry Englemann President

# **Attachments**

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Next Club Meeting May 7, 2024





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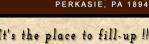
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