



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION League



Annual Presidents Meeting
 March 14, 2018 Minutes
 Meeting Location - Rochester Club

MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa President	Mike Martin	A	Five Points President	Dave Schumacher	P	Pine Run President	John Cummins
A	Ambridge President	Joe Chulupiak	P	FOAC Treasurer	Herb Ohliger	A	Pitts Down Riggers President	Dan Kelly
P	Beaver Falls President	Robert Miller	A	Green Valley President	Randy Willson	P	Rochester President	Jerry Hooks
P	B.V. Archers President	Glen Fillingner	A	Koppel President	Jerry Tillia	A	Sewickley President	Michael Tomana
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol V. President	Craig Holdren	P	Midland President	Dave Knight	P	Southside President	Greg Sauers
P	Conway President	Bill Frishkorn	A	N. Boroughs President	Bob Reid			

OFFICERS

President		Vice President		Treasurer		Secretary	
Tony Rich	P	Rich Kerlin	P	Mark Benzio	P	Bob Oles	P

Call to Order - 7:00 p.m.

Host Club Welcome - Jerry Hooks, Rochester President. BCSCCL Hosting at Rochester Club.

Guests - Rocco Ali, President PA Fish & Boat Commission Board of Commissioners (PFBC).
 Alan Thomas, from Little Rock, Arkansas

Tony - Welcomed all the club Presidents, and Vice Presidents and thanked them for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend tonight's meeting.

Guest Speaker - Rocco Ali. President of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission's Board of Commissioners. He is also Commissioner of Pennsylvania's Second District which includes, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Fayette, Greens, Indiana, Washington and Westmoreland Counties. [Read Rocco's Bio here.](#)

TOPIC - HEREFORD MANOR LAKE RESTORATION

- Rocco handed out a PFBC Public Opinion Poll for attendees to fill out. [This poll is available online.](#)
- Hereford Manor is the only lake in the state that has not been approved for restoration. I have to give credit to the Beaver County Citizens Group, started by Tony Rich with many others who have done fund raising, which I truly appreciate.

Most of your legislators in this area are backing the restoration project. But, I would encourage you to continue to contact them to help this along. With Tony's help I'm sure I can approach the Beaver County Commissioners for their support.

- There is an Eagle Scout who is having a get together for the Hereford Manor Lake Restoration and is advertised as, "Outdoor Enthusiasts." This event will be held March 20, 2018, 7pm, at St. Gregory's School Bergman Event Center in Zelienople, Pa. [Flyer](#)
- Question - Has the study been approved?
 - Rocco - State Representative Aaron Bernstine submitted a proposal to release capital budget money for the engineering study. If that goes through, I'm pretty sure the rest of the project will go through.
- Question - Has the sign promoting the Hereford Manor Lake project been erected on the dam yet?
 - Tony - As of yet, I haven't seen it. But I will follow up on that.
- Tony - The latest dam restoration project to be approved was \$11 million for the [Tamarack Lake Dam](#).
- Question - What's happening with the proposal to open up Carnegie Lake In Pittsburgh, to youth fishing?
 - Rocco - It is being worked on and moving along.
- Tony - As you can tell, Hereford Manor Lake Restoration is a main focus. A lot of work has gone into it with a lot of work still to be done. Keep in mind that it's still not too late to donate and help out. [Restore Hereford Manor Lake](#)
- Tony - You all know that 225,000 less trout are being stocked in Pennsylvania waterways and 3 hatcheries are being closed?
 - Rocco - Trout reduction and closing of hatcheries will not occur until the license year of 2019.
- Question - Is anything going to be done about Montour Creek mine drainage?
 - Rocco - It will be investigated as a pollution incident. Once they discover the source, they'll go from there. [Article](#)
- Question - Will Hookstown Mill Creek be stocked this year?
 - WCO Jeremy Allen via email after the meeting - On March 2nd, we stocked upstream of First Energy property because of the posting.

Guest Speaker - Sam Piccinini. Rochester Twp Police Officer, Retired SWAT Team Instructor, Retired Drug Task Force Operator, Retired Sniper Team Leader & Instructor. Firearms and Ammunition Manufacturer and Business Owner.

TOPIC 1 - CONFLICTING REGULATIONS BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES (BATFE) AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULATIONS (ITAR)

About a year and a half into our training with the civilian public, I was contacted by a group of young ladies, students of Robert Morris College, all of them over 21 years old, who were here as foreign exchange students on a temporary student visa. They contacted us about possible training on using firearms for personal protection. We had to research this because they were not permanent U.S. citizens. We had to answer two questions.

First Question

May a nonimmigrant alien who has been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa possess a firearm or ammunition in the United States?

Answer From BATFE

Answer - An alien, admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa is prohibited from, shipping, transporting, receiving, or possessing a firearm or ammunition unless the alien falls within one of the exceptions provided in the U.S.C. 922(y)(2), such as: a valid hunting license or permit, admitted for lawful hunting or sporting purposes, certain official representatives of a foreign government, or a foreign law enforcement officer of a friendly foreign government entering the United States on official law enforcement business.

What this says is, if you're from another country, and you want to use a firearm here, let's say for purposes of hunting, that's fine. Since you're from another country and you want to hunt, of course you have to get a hunting license. But what do you have to do before you can get a hunting license? You will have to take a hunter's Education Safety Course. You are taught in this course. Keep that in mind as we move along.

Second Question

Can an alien who enters the United States on a nonimmigrant alien visa rent a firearm for lawful hunting or sporting purposes while in the United States?

Answer From BATFE

A nonimmigrant alien that possesses a valid hunting license from a State within the United States or falls within the other exceptions or exemptions that allow nonimmigrant aliens to possess firearms may rent firearms to hunt or to use at a shooting range.

In the United States we are governed by a branch of law enforcement known as the BATFE. They govern ammunition and firearms within the country. Now ITAR is the big brother of the BATFE and it governs on the international level. The problem is they, ITAR, is over stepping their bounds too much inside the United States.

Example of conflicting regulations between BATFE and ITAR: Under the Defense Service Act, created by ITAR

22 CFR 120.9 - Defense service means:

- (1) The furnishing of assistance (including training) to foreign persons, whether in the United States or abroad in the design, development, engineering, manufacture, production, assembly, testing, repair, maintenance, modification, operation, demilitarization, destruction, processing or use of defense articles;
- (2) The furnishing to foreign persons of any technical data controlled under this subchapter (see § 120.10), whether in the United States or abroad; or
- (3) Military training of foreign units and forces, regular and irregular, including formal or informal instruction of foreign persons in the United States or abroad or by correspondence courses, technical, educational, or information publications and media of all kinds, training aid, orientation, training exercise, and military advice. (See also § 124.1.)

Violation of any of the above can be considered a treasonous felony.

Discovering the potential legal jeopardy these conflicting regulations present, we posted this sign at the entrance to our property and all our ranges at Beaver Valley Rifle & Pistol Club. [Sign](#). Purchased at Signs Express, Rochester, Pa.

**NOTICE - IF YOU ARE NOT A U.S. CITIZEN YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED ON B.V.R.P.C. CLUB PROPERTY
NO EXCEPTIONS** REFER TO U.S. CODE TITLE 22, CHAPTER - 1, SUB CHAPTER "M", PART 120 §120.9 DEFENSE SERVICES
(A), (1), (2), (3)

Is this a ridiculous law? Yes. But it is the law. I wouldn't want to be the person or organization to get wrapped up in a problem with it. Some prosecutor could drag you through the coals, it would bankrupt you and your club and bury you should you have to fight your way through a violation of this.

The NRA sent out a letter to warn all of their registered instructors;

"The NRA can not provide any assistance in training foreign persons due to conflicting information from the U.S. Government regarding regulations pertinent to foreign persons and arms training. NRA cannot process any requests for assistance in training foreign persons."

This was put into action very soon after 9/11 and although there hasn't been a problem yet, I don't know of anyone who wants to be the first to challenge it.

This would also cover the archery clubs since 22 CFR 120.9 doesn't say firearms, but says "Defense Articles"

I came here today to make you aware of this huge potential legal problem that you and your clubs could be exposed to if you don't handle this issue correctly.

Tony - Presidents, also take a look at your club's membership application. With this information, you might want to think about putting on your membership application asking if the applicant is a U.S. citizen.

Craig - We ask that question on the BVRPC membership application. See below example.

Club Members must be a U.S. Citizen, or, have documentation as Permanent Legal Resident.



Please check the box if you are a U.S. Citizen or have a Legal Resident Status.

TOPIC 2 - THE MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING IN PARKLAND FLORIDA

Every safety protocol that was in place at every level of government failed.

The law enforcement officer that was supposed to be there as a resource officer, failed. He ran out the door. Security, it failed. Screening, it failed. Officers responding from the street, because of lack of communication, rather than being told to go in, which is the standard practice since Columbine, you don't worry about anything but getting in. You don't wait for SWAT or anything you go in and neutralize the threat. They were given a direct order, "Set up a perimeter. Don't go in." Forget the fact that innocent children were inside being slaughtered in that school. They could hear the gun fire and they were standing outside doing nothing.

We've done everything in this country we can possibly humanly fathom, to try to deal with the school shooting issue. The country has gone through a dramatic cultural change over the last few decades from when this didn't happen to now when it does and we have to deal with it. The only thing that hasn't been tried on a wide scale, is putting guns in the classrooms with the teachers.

There's a lot of controversy on trying this approach. I'm not saying give a gun to every teacher. But we ask teachers, as part of their training to that classes in first aid. We have teachers who are certified in CPR. But we don't hold them accountable to the level of a doctor or an EMT. Why do we ask teachers to take this training? In case something bad happens with a student, the teacher can do something. The concept first aid training is no different than training with a gun. What did we do after 9/11 when airplanes were hijacked and used as missiles? The first thing we did was put guns in the cockpit with the pilot. I haven't seen one plane taken over and used as a weapon since they armed the pilots. Now, why can't we do the same thing with the teachers? We're not telling the teachers to go out and be SWAT officers. But you have gun free zones that prohibit the teachers who are willing to be trained.

When I say trained, opponents of arming teachers say, "Oh you have to train them to kill." I do it all the time at the police academy. I take people who come in as cadets who have virtually no firearms training and over the course of the academy, over a certain number of hours we take someone who is totally virgin to firearms and make them mortally proficient in their ability to use firearms. It can be done.

At Beaver Valley Rifle & Pistol Club we offer a free class for teachers to give them some education and enlighten them about firearms so they won't think these guns are such big awful things in the hands of teachers.

The bottom line is, we need a last line of defense in case a shooter comes into a school bent on harming people. When that happens now the only thing between that shooter and her students is a damn desk. I call a teacher in that situation, defenseless. There's no reason we should deny our teachers, in this country, the ability to defend our children. Everything that we consider precious in this nation, we defend it with guns. Our President. Our politicians. We protect our money with guns. Why not protect our children with firearms? And that is the only thing we haven't tried wide scale, to put an end to this dilemma.

TOPIC - THREATS TO OUR FREEDOM AFTER THE FLORIDA SCHOOL SHOOTING - Bob Oles

[*FOAC Top Weekly News Stories, 2/25/18*](#)

Since the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Florida, we have witnessed a spectacular failure of government, and 17 young people died. Now, consider the depth and breadth of the coordinated attack on the Second Amendment by exploiting the grief and emotions for those who lost their lives

[*Fox News Feb 23, 2018 Jeff Bell, President Broward Sheriff's Union*](#)

Even when the school districts have an armed police presence on scene, liberal principles, who are in charge of these campuses.

- Don't want the police officers making arrests on campus,
- Don't want the drugs to be found on campus,
- Don't want the warrants to be served on campus,

Because it looks like there's bad stats at their school. So I place a lot of the blame on the school board.

[*The Daily Wire 2/23/18*](#)

- Every Single Government Authority Failed In Parkland.
 - We know the FBI was warned specifically about the Parkland shooter not once, but twice — and did nothing.

- We know Broward County Sheriff's deputies were called to the home of the Parkland shooter at least 39 times since 2010.
- We know that the Broward County Sheriff's Office was warned multiple times about the Parkland shooter.
- We know that an armed officer was present during the shooting and did nothing.
- Why in the world should we blame the NRA?
- Children are dead not because millions of good citizens own AR-15s, but because dozens of pathetic incompetents and cowards in a position to do something, instead did nothing.

There's a lot of anti-gun energy heading our way. Are gun owners up to resisting it? For Example:

[Illinois Bill Requiring 18-20-Year-Olds to Hand Over Certain Semi-Automatic Firearms Moves to Senate](#)

It is no longer a conspiracy theory spawned by deplorable bitter clingers, but a creeping reality spawned by shootings law enforcement could have prevented but didn't.

A bill requiring 18-20 year olds to hand over or transfer ownership of heretofore legally possessed "assault weapons" is gaining sponsors in the Illinois Senate after passing the House last month.

[It Begins: Florida Police Now Confiscating Guns From People With No Due Process](#)

Before this law was enacted only after they had been psychologically evaluated and deemed a threat could the government move in to temporarily disarm them. Now, however, this tiny bit of due process is no longer necessary and "experts" can simply deem someone a threat and take their guns.

[Florida student Emma Gonzalez to lawmakers and gun advocates: 'We call BS'](#)

Emma Gonzalez, a senior and survivor of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, addressed a gun control rally on Saturday Feb 17th, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. After she called statements like these, BS:

- Tougher guns laws do not decrease gun violence.
- Guns are just tools like knives and are as dangerous as cars.
- A good guy with a gun stops a bad guy with a gun.

In reference to politicians who won't pass more gun control laws, the crowd chanted. "Throw them out. Throw them out."

Guys, we're getting steam rolled. And if enough people who value their 2nd Amendment Right don't stand up to this emotionally charged onslaught we will lose more and more of that freedom.

Virginia Delegate, Nick Freitas, speaks on the floor of the Virginia House of Delegates on the gun violence debate. [Video](#)

Monday April 30th, we have an opportunity to voice our concerns and become more visible to the general public by attending the "Rally to Protect Your Right to Keep & Bear Arms" in Harrisburg. There are links to the [Flyer with transportation information](#) and [Pro and Anti-Gun legislation to be discussed with lawmakers](#). Take advantage of this opportunity to help insure this generation can pass our freedoms onto the next.

LEAGUE EVENTS COMING UP

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- Ordered 550 fish, which will be stocked tentatively on Tuesday April 24, 11am - 1pm.
- Derby is scheduled for Saturday April 28, 2018. 8:00am till 12:00pm. Age 15 and under. Registration starts at 6:30am
- There will be trophies and prizes for different divisions. [Flyer](#)

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Jerry Hooks

- Scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in July at Midland Sportsmen's Club. 8am - approx. 3pm.

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Committee meetings are at the Aliquippa Club on the Third Thursday of the month at 7pm. Anyone can attend.
- We're looking for more people to help out with the Youth Foundation. Contact Jerry 724-601-6964.
- The Youth Foundation supports the youth activities of the league. The Fishing Derby, Youth Field Day, Youth mentored Hunt, Conservation Camp.
- Jerry presented a Platinum level award to Dave Knight, President of Midland Sportsmen's Club for their \$500 donation to the foundation.
- We are a 501c3 organization and any financial donations are tax deductible.

- Youth Foundation spending is preliminarily approved at their meetings. The final approval for spending is voted on by the league delegates at the monthly league meetings.
- Fund raising - Sporting Clay Shoot, May 19, at Rochester Club. \$40 each. Tony is holding a Wild Game Dinner. [Flyer](#)

YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP - Rich Kerlin

- Breanna asked Rich to remind the clubs to get their payments in by the due date. Even if you don't have the names of campers you are sponsoring, send the payment in now. You can always add the names to the list later.
- Scheduled dates, June 17 - June 23 in group camp 2 again. Setup will be June 16, after 3pm We will accept 50 campers. Once we receive 50 applications we will start a waiting list.
- Changes for this year are:
 - Application / Tuition - Applications post marked prior to April 15, will require a tuition of \$150. Applications post marked from April 15 to May 31, tuition will be \$200. Applications post marked after May 31, will be \$300. No verbal reservations will be taken. Application and payment must be received for it to count.
 - We are changing the minimum entry age from 12 years old to 13 years old.
- Campers are required to successfully complete the PA Hunter-Trapper Education Course PRIOR to the start of camp.
 - List of available courses can be found at this [link](#).
- There will be an optional Camper / Parent meeting on May 20, at the Aliquippa Bucktails Sportsmen's Club at 7pm. New campers are strongly recommended to attend. [Camp Flyer](#) [Camp Application](#)

DICK'S CORPORATION AND FIELD & STREAM

Tony - Dick's Corporation, which includes Field and Stream has made a corporate decision to discontinue selling rifles and shotguns to anyone under 21 years of age. At our last meeting the feeling was unanimous that we need to send them a letter voicing our dissatisfaction with their decision based on the hyper emotional climate that exists after the Florida school shooting. That they will refuse to sell a gun to an American citizen, a patriot, but give them a gun at 18 years old to go fight in a war and put his/her life on the line, but then won't sell them a gun to use to go practice shooting or hunting. For those of us who had guns at 9, 10, 11 years old, for those of us who had guns and took them to school on the school bus or in the gun rack in the back of our truck in the school parking lot, that's all gone. When people make these types of decisions to control who gets guns in this country and who doesn't through the sale of legal firearms, we also have a decision we can make. We don't have to shop in their store, anymore than I'm going to watch the National Football League play football when the players disrespect our flag and the National Anthem. I don't watch it. Anymore than I'm going to walk into Dick's or Field & Stream. Two years ago this league bought 100 firearms at Field & Stream. Fifty Golden Boys and the rest were all different types of guns to the tune of \$54,000 worth of guns. And some of the people who won those guns could have been between 18 and 21 years old.

So we decided we're going to send a letter to Dick's Corporation, which I signed. Afterwards were going to pass a list around for club Presidents to sign, list their club and its membership count to show their support. [Letter to Dick's Sporting Goods](#). You can also call Dick's Corporate Office yourself and voice your opinion. 877-846-9997

Duke's is an example of another place to shop. [Duke's Flyer](#)

GOVERNOR WOLFE'S STATEWIDE DISASTER EMERGENCY - Tony

- Another area where our 2nd Amendment Rights are under assault.
- On January 10th of this year, Governor Wolfe signed a Heroin and Opioid Epidemic Statewide Disaster Emergency.
- Most gun owners don't know that this activates Title 18 Section 6107 which makes it illegal to open carry a firearm without a "License to Carry a Firearm." In Pennsylvania it is legal to open carry a firearm without this license. But with this Emergency Declaration in place, that is no longer the case. Stroke of a pen, rights gone.
- [HB2021](#) which we are presenting to legislators at the April 30th rally will fix this.

R.E.D. FRIDAYS - Tony

- Bill Piocquidio introduced the R.E.D. Friday military support program. R.E.D. is an acronym that stands for Remember Everyone Deployed. R.E.D. Friday was created to remind people of our heroes overseas and show that we are thinking of them. People across the country wear red every Friday to serve as a reminder and spread the message of how important it is that we keep our troops in our thoughts.
- Bill's goal is to blanket the Beaver County area with billboards calling everyone's attention to our deployed troops and this program to acknowledge and keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Each billboard cost \$375. It's a 30 day contract, but this poster will stay up even after that 30 days ends until someone else buys that billboard space. [Flyer](#)
- If you or your organization would like to help with the R.E.D. Friday military support program, you can contact Bill Piocquidio at wjpio@yahoo.com 724-630-5660

LAWRENCE COUNTY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER - Tony

- Do you all remember the issue over the potential sale, by the state of Pennsylvania to an Islamic Educational firm from New Jersey? The property was ultimately sold to the Lawrence County Community Action Partnership which will eventually employ at least 275 people. This is a real economic boost for Lawrence County and could not have happened without the full support of our State Representatives and Senators.
- The BCSCCL also publicly supported the position of our elected officials in this matter.

WILD GAME DINNER - Tony

- For those clubs that paid their dues at the \$250 level, you have a free World Famous Tony Rich's Wild Game Dinner coming your way. I'll come to your club and put it on. I provide the meat dishes and cook it up for your club. You provide any side dishes you may want as well as drinks and utensils.
- If you do this event right, you'll make money on it. Contact Tony for information. 724-561-8290 or tonyrich39@yahoo.com

RAFFLE TO SUPPORT 2A RALLY - Craig

- Any tickets you still have, please get them back to me by the April 5th league meeting.
- If you have tickets you can't sell, call me ASAP so I can get them sold.

COUNTY LEAGUE WEBSITE - Tony

- Any information you have on your club's activities that you want wider exposure for, get that info to Craig. Our website is attracting a lot of traffic and that could help your clubs out.
- Craig - The league's website had 3,600 hits the first year it was in operation. The second year it had 8,900. The first two months of this year we've had 1,800. I need to know the club's name, date, time and cost for event.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Rob Smith - If your club has any changes that you want to make for your club listing in the league's Bio Book, make sure you get it into me as soon as you can. Rob Smith rasmith10@comcast.net 724-266-3869
- Mike Martin - Aliquippa Club increased their max membership level from 425 to 450. New members can apply after July 1st.
- Tony - Clubs may want to consider offering firearms training to the public. Contact Sam for info. 724-624-1766 or info@masterammo.com
- Hopefully everyone is going to be on the bus to Harrisburg to support the 2nd Amendment. If for some reason you can't make it, you can support the endeavor by purchasing our raffle tickets which will go towards that.
- Jerry Hooks - Not only does the Youth Foundation support all of the league's youth activities, they also supplement the number of pheasants for the youth pheasant hunt. We donated \$480 to the Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation Shooting League to help offset some of the cost for the youth shooters. We help support the National Wild Turkey Federation by supporting their banquet. We donated \$1,000 to the tragedy at the local Penn State Campus to the Kelly kids.
- A future fund raiser will be BCSCCL license plates. Hopefully your clubs will support that.
- Dave Knight - Carl St. George is a main stay for acquiring ammunition for the youth field day. Shot gun and .22. But now, its harder to come by and we're getting closer to running out. We need help finding additional sources of ammo.
- Glen Fillingier - Thanked the league for supporting his Archery in the Schools Shoot he held at New Brighton High School.
- Sam - All 2nd Amendment supporters should watch a 7 minute video about the Battle of Athens Tennessee. The 2nd Amendment was used to over throw a tyrannical local government in the 1940's. It'll give you deeper appreciation for the Constitutional Right we work at trying to preserve. [Video Link](#)
- Craig - Cam Edwards from NRA TV and Larry Pratt Executive Director Emeritus of Gun Owners of America will be at the 2nd Amendment Rally this year.
- Tonya - Chase is going to give each of the club President's a donation envelope for the youth foundation.

50/50 DRAWING

- \$82.50 Bob Oles. Bob donated his winnings to the League.

BCSCL 2017 Meeting Dates & Locations

January 5th	Aliquippa Bucktails	May 4th	Southside	Sept 14th	Ambridge
February 2nd	Rochester	June 1st	Pine Run	Oct 5th	Koppel
March 2nd	Rochester, North Boroughs Hosting	July 6th	Conway	Nov 2nd	Beaver Falls
April 6th	B.V. Archers	Aug 3rd	Midland	Dec 14th	Five Points

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCL