



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



May 2, 2024, Minutes  
Meeting Location – Green Valley Sportsman's Club

## MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	N. Boroughs	Robert Zeman
	(Alt)	Rick Caton		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Dave Herko
A	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	NWTF 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance Toms	Tim Reichl
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Frank Kelly		(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
A	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	Forest Grove	Mike Karkalla		Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Frank Eder		(Alt)	Tim Hartzell	P	(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Green Valley	Mike Sabat	P	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(Alt)	John Suroweic		(Alt)	Joe McMullen		(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
P	B.V Rifle & Pistol	Rich Wall	P	Hopewell VFW	Gary Grey	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)	Lee Gower		(Alt)	Sue Tranter		(Alt)	Laurie Bush
P	Conway	Ray Eppinger	P	Marion Hill	Daniel Freed			
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Keith Radcliff			
P	Ellwood Rod & Gun	Frank McCowin	P	Midland	Jerry Wamsley			
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Mark Benzio	A	PFBC	Jeremy Allen
						P	PGC	Madison Pugh

## OFFICERS

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P	President	P	Vice President	P	Treasurer	P	Secretary
	Rich Kerlin		Dan Householder		Mark Benzio		Tonya Cable

**Call to Order** – 7:00 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance & Sportsmen's Pledge & Moment of Silence**

- o Dick Ward – ["obituary"](#)

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families."

**Host Club Welcome** – Mike Sabot, Green Valley Delegate

## Guests

- Rebecca (Mike's daughter)
- Sunny Irons, a past Delegate of Five Points for many years. "First County League Meeting I attended was here at Green Valley."

## Last month's minutes

- Motion to accept for audit. Pine Run / BVRP. Passed.

## Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

- League Report provided & reviewed.
  - Check written to Minuteman Press for 2024 - 2025 Booklets \$731.15
  - Check written to Matt Kramer for Smith Family donation \$500.00.
- Camp Account Report provided & reviewed.
  - A new camp account opened on 12/4/23.
    - Check written to Minuteman Press for printing of posters & applications \$216.05.
    - Check written for reimbursement for printer ink (camp paperwork) \$112.36.
    - Check order & bank fees: \$30.01.

Motion to accept report for audit. Five Points / BVA. Passed.

## Elections

- No report

## Communications

- No report
  - ALL League correspondence to the Post Office Box address listed below.
    - BCSCCL – PO Box 276, Beaver, PA 15009

## State Agencies

PA Game Commission (PGC) – Madison Pugh – [Report](#)

[www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov)

- New Executive Director of the PA Game Commission is Stehen Smith
- 7/27/24 Elk Drawing will be live streamed.
- The American Pine Marten reintroduction discussion has been tabled at this time.
- Working on scheduling an Archery Course. Need a club to host. Checking on the cost?
- Hunter Education Instructor dinner had an excellent CWD presentation. Asking for the CWD presentation to be brought to a league meeting.
- Open attachment for more detailed report.

## [PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) – Jeremy Allen – *absent*

- No report

## [PA Fish and Boat Commission](#)

## Affiliated Organizations

Conservation District – (Rick Caton waiting to receive letter of approval from County Commissioners Office)  
Lindsey Shepler, Watershed Specialist / Environmental Educator - absent

- No report

### **BCSCL Youth Foundation** – Jeff Ruckert / Rick Caton

- Meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at Bucktails at 7 pm. (Camp & Field Day committees meet at 6 pm). All that want to help are invited to come to the meetings!
- Need volunteers at the Youth Field Day on July 13<sup>th</sup> & again during the Conservation Camp June 16<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>!
- Opening on the board & anyone is welcome to attend the meetings anytime.
- Annual Sporting Clay Shoot – [Poster](#)

### **We The People of America** – Jerry Hooks - *absent*

- WTPOA meetings are now being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month.
- Next meeting to be held on May 23, 2024, at 7 pm at Rochester Sportsman's Club

## **Committee Reports**

### **Audit Committee** – Mark Benzio

- No report.

### **Booklet** – Rob Smith: Contact info (724) 407- 3945 or [rasmith10@comcast.net](mailto:rasmith10@comcast.net)

- Booklets ready to be distributed.
- Booklets print is smaller than previous years print.
  - The print shop is willing to give a \$200 refund or have books reprinted.

Motion to go ahead and accept the \$200 refund for the unsatisfactory print size of the book.  
Rochester / Ellwood City - Wampum. Passed.

### **Game** – Mike Harcher - *absent*

- No report

### **Pollution** – Mike Harcher - *absent*

- No report

### **Fishing Derby** – Mike Zon – *absent*

- Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>
- 8 am – 12 pm
- Registration begins at 6:30 am
- Ages 15 & under
- Prizes for 25 tagged fish
- Prizes awarded to youth according to assigned numbers are being pulled randomly.
- Bait will be sold at the park.
- 50/50

### **Fish Committee** – Mark Crevar

- If you have information for the Fish Committee, contact Mike at [mdcrevar@gmail.com](mailto:mdcrevar@gmail.com) or 412-303-9580.
- 5 individuals caught in Erie at 2 am catching steelhead fish with nets.
- Blue Catfish: Record Catfish caught April 7th - <https://www.outdoornews.com/2024/04/29/giant-blue-catfish-becomes-an-official-record-in-ohio/>

## Conservation Camp – Tonya Cable

- Father's Day June 16, 2024, will be the check in date for next year's campers. Staff & counselors will arrive Saturday, June 15, 2024! ... [poster](#)
- Camper & Counselor applications ready! ..... [camper application](#)..... [counselor application](#)
- Looking for Sponsorships. Checks to be made out to BCSCCL & the money will be turned over to the camp for a camper. \$250 to sponsor a camper!
- **Need campers, counselors & adult staff.**
  - Campers 13 – 15 years of age
  - Jr Counselors 16 – 17 years of age
  - Senior Counselors 18 – 20 years of age
  - Staff 21 years of age and older
- Racoon Creek State Park – Group Camp 2
- CPR certification will be on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at Group Camp 2.
- Please get background checks turned in if you get a newly completed check or a renewed check.
- Only 21 campers signed up. Still looking for another 29 campers.
- Meeting
  - Camper / Parent Informational Meeting on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Bucktails beginning at 6:00 pm
- PLEASE, get the word out to get applications turned in ASAP!
- Still looking for more sponsors.

## Archery – Walt Ketterer

- Game News
  - 67% of archery is with cross bows.
  - Archery was legalized in 1929.
- BV Archers – Tuesday 3D shoots 20 targets \$10
- BV Archers – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 3D shoot 30 targets.
- Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 – Beaver Valley Archers “George Osman” Memorial 2024 Team Scramble Shoot ... for details [“click here”](#)

## Events Coordinator – Craig Holdren

- BCSCCL website under construction.
- **Email** club information that you want shared on the website to Craig, Frank & Tonya
  - Directions for submitting information for the BCSCCL website – [see here](#)
    - Craig - contact at [Ch316@comcast.net](mailto:Ch316@comcast.net)
    - Frank - contact at [frankkelly51@outlook.com](mailto:frankkelly51@outlook.com)
    - Tonya - contact at [gtcttc@yahoo.com](mailto:gtcttc@yahoo.com)
- The calendar is now all on the Google calendar that is on the website.
  - Continue to get the information to us so it can be added to the calendar.

## Legislative – Craig Holdren

- Thank you, letter. [Click here](#).
- Recap of the speakers at the Rally.
- Overall average (state & federal) 329-gun bills
  - 67.3 % anti-gun bills
  - 31.2 % progun bills
  - article re: House Bill 335 & 2206 [Click Here](#)
    - Call and email contacts on attached article ASAP!
- PA Gun Law Seminar on May 13, 2024 – [details here](#)

**Hunter Education** – Mike Zon – *absent*

- Aliquippa Bucktails May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Rochester July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Sylvania Hills Baptist Church August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Marion Hill September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**REGISTRATION** for classes are on-line [PGC](#)

**Contact Mike @ 724-683-5880 (call or text) to host a hunter-trapper education class.**

**Fundraising** – Guy Cable

- NWTF Banquet gun is at Big Bucks (Barretta APX 9 mm) will be a 5 number ticket for \$5.
- Annual Sporting Clay Shoot to be held at Rochester on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
  - Notify Jerry Hooks of Team and / or individual reservations. 724-601-6964 (call or text)

All proceeds benefit youth activities!!!

[Sporting Clay Shoot poster.](#)

**Youth Mentored Hunts** – Rich Kerlin

(The changes in the mentor hunt will not change the way we hold our youth mentor hunt)

Pheasant

- Application coming in June.

Goose

- No Report

**Youth Field Day** – Tonya Cable

- To be held on 7/20/24 @ Midland .... [Poster](#)
- Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>
- 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
- Check in Begins that day @ 6:30 am
- Registration is online at [www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov)
- 46 youth signed up to date.
- Still looking for items for the Sportsmen's auction table.
- May need a fill in for the trap and fur taking station this year.

**Banquet** – *vacant*

- No report

**Big Knob Fair** – Guy & Tonya Cable (Looking for someone NEW to be the chairperson of this committee)

- Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> (5pm to 10 pm. Tue – Fri) Saturday will start about Noon.
  - Sign-ups will be necessary for the League to run the booth this year.
  - Need clubs to volunteer for a day 5pm to 9 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

**Lead Abatement / Range Management Best Practices** – Dan Losco

To contact Dan: email [dlosco@creswellwater.net](mailto:dlosco@creswellwater.net)

- Best Management Practice website at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/best-management-practices-lead-outdoor-shooting-ranges>
- **KEEP your Records!**

### **Firearms Training – Rich Kerlin**

- 5/8 – US Law Shield “Use of Deadly Force” Class Northway Christian Community Church in Rochester
- 5/18 – NRA Women on Target Program ay BVRP
- 5/17 – Pistol 101 by Blueline Firearms held at Green Valley
- 6/3 – US Law Shield “Surviving an Active Shooter” at Northside Sportsmen’s Club
- 6/8 – NRA RSO class held at Beaver Falls. Register with Rich Kerlin at [kerlinkanine@aol.com](mailto:kerlinkanine@aol.com)
- 6/15 – NRA Basic Pistol Course – Instructor Lee Gower
- 6/22 – NRA First Shot Pistol Orientation Class by BVRP

Contact Rich Kerlin for additional details for any firearms training listed above.  
[kerlinkanine@aol.com](mailto:kerlinkanine@aol.com)

### **Unfinished Business**

- Allegheny County Sportsmen’s League President’s Meeting recap. Promoting our camp!
  - Northside Sportsmen’s’ Club interested in joining the Beaver County League
- 4 youth have applied for the Tony Rich Scholarship Award. (2 - Hopewell, 1 - Freedom and 1 – Chippewa)

### **New Business**

- Hopewell VFW may be hosting next month’s meeting. Watch for an email once we have confirmation.

### **Good of the Order**

- Game News April 2024 had an article on ticks – [www.ticklab.org](http://www.ticklab.org) for a report. FREE
- Thanks to the league for the opportunity to attend & support the NWTF banquet.
- Concealed Carry Class at Route 66 Feed Mill on May 13<sup>th</sup>. – [see here for more detail & registration](#)
- Midland Gun Bash May 5<sup>th</sup> \$50 / ticket held at Center Stage
- Ambridge Springfest on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Gun Smith in Beaver County. Gun smith in Rochester (Sam Piccinini). There is also another gunsmith located in New Brighton.
- Discussion on club membership dues & work time processes in different clubs.
- See Five Points for the “10<sup>th</sup> Annual” Hunt of a Lifetime tickets to be held on 8/10 – 8/11/24. \$10 / ticket
- Bucktails had a nice swap meet.
- See Rich for CV Trap Team raffle tickets. \$2500 Milkhouse Meat gift card.

**Final thought.....We need campers! Get applications turned in ASAP!!!**

### **50/50 Drawing**

- none

### **Motion to Adjourn**

- Conway / Aliquippa Passed. 9:30 pm

# 2024 Meeting Schedule

January 4	Aliquippa Bucktails - <b>Confirmed</b>	2564 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001
February 1	Rochester – <b>Confirmed</b>	181 Sportsman Ln, Rochester, PA 15074
March 7	Rochester – North Boroughs Hosting – <b>Confirmed</b>	181 Sportsman Ln, Rochester, PA 15074
April 4	B.V. Archers – <b>Confirmed</b>	277 Rothhart Drive, New Brighton, PA 15066
May 2	Green Valley– <b>Confirmed</b>	101 Fishpot Road, Monaca, PA 15061
June 6	Hopewell VFW – <b>Will send separate email once confirmed!</b>	385 Blacks Woods Road, Freedom, PA 15042
July 11	Rochester – BVRP	181 Sportsman Ln, Rochester, PA 15074
August 1	Midland	142 Eastwood Road, Industry, PA 15052
September 12	Ambridge	2900 Ridge Road, Ext., Baden, PA 15005
October 3	Conway	100 Magill Rd, Zelienople, PA 16063
November 7	Beaver Falls	247 Sportsman Road, Darlington, PA 16115
December 12	Five Points	285 Bocktown-Cork Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001

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