



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



December 11, 2025, Minutes
Meeting Location – Five Points Hunt Club

MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Rick Caton	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	P	Northside	Jeff Knauss
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Frank Kelly		(Alt)	Al Straub
A	Ambridge	Tim Watson	A	Forest Grove	Mike Karkalla	A	NWTF 2 nd Chance Toms	Jeff Ruckert
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Tim Hartzell		(Alt)	
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	P	Green Valley	Mike Sabat	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Frank Eder		(Alt)	Joe McMullen		(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
A	B.V. Archers	George Klinger	A	Hopewell VFW	Ken Nestor	P	Rochester	Jerry Hooks
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Sue Tranter		(Alt)	Amy Swartzlander
P	B.V Rifle & Pistol	Rick Wall	P	Koppel / Big Beaver	Lee Gower	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)	Lee Gower		(Alt)	Jerry Tillia		(Alt)	Laurie Bush
P	Conway	Ray Eppinger	A	Marion Hill	Daniel Freed	P	Western PA Youth Outdoorsmen	Josh Wolfe
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Larry Radcliff		(Alt)	Lee Heeter
P	Ellwood - Wampum	Tim Kelly	P	Midland	Jerry Wamsley			
	(Alt)	Dick Bayer		(Alt)	Mark Benzio	A	PFBC	Jeremy Allen
P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	North Boroughs	Patrick Miller			
	(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Robert Zeman	P	PGC	Matt Kramer

OFFICERS

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P	President	P	Vice President	P	Treasurer	P	Secretary
	Rich Kerlin		Guy Cable		Mark Benzio		Tonya Cable

Call to Order – 7:00 pm

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

Host Club Welcome – Ronald McDonald, Secretary of Five Points Hunt Club

Guests

- None

Last month's minutes

Motion to accept for audit. Aliquippa / North Boro. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio (see Mark for details)

- Checks written for office Supplies.
- Deposit made for dues, hats, shirts.

Motion to accept for audit. Green Valley / Five Points. 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) – Sgt Mathew Kramer

- 2 days left of rifle season.
- Sunday hunting done for the year.
- Beaver, Allegheny & Washington have had a safe season.
- Q & A
 - Discussion on more ways to advertise the new upcoming archery event.
 - Number of hunting licenses sold this year.
 - Outdoor news. Unlawful harvest of a bear.
 - Deer drive Q & A.
- Hunter Education Classes
 - March – Beaver Falls Sportsmen's Association
- Have a wonderful holiday season with your family & be safe! Madison will be back mid-January & Cadet class will graduate January 31st.

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

Get your Hunter Trapper Educations scheduled for your club for 2026!

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

[PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

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

Jeremiah Allen | Waterways Conservation Officer
 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
 Beaver County
 236 Lake Road | Somerset, PA 15501-1644
 Phone: 814.233.9115 | Fax: 814.445.8974
 E-mail: jereallen@pa.gov

[PA Fish and Boat Commission](#)

Affiliated Organizations

Conservation District - Lindsey Shepler, Watershed Specialist / Environmental Educator – *absent*

- No report.

BCSCL Youth Foundation – Jeff Ruckert

- Youth Foundation website www.bcsclfyf.com
- BCSCL Youth Foundation Sponsorship Applications available. Click [here](#).
- No meeting in December. Next meeting will be held at Aliquippa Bucktails on Thursday, January 15, 2026, beginning at 7 pm.

We The People of America – Amy Swartzlander

- No updates
- Next Meeting Information: Wednesday, 12/7/2025 at 7pm at the Rochester Sportsmen's Club
- Membership Application. [Click here](#).

Committee Reports

Audit Committee – Mark Benzio

- No report.

Booklet – Frank Kelly – *absent*

- 2025 Booklets available to hand out. Take some back to your clubs.
- Have all booklets available for the upcoming Archery Event in March 2026.

Game – Lindsey Shepler – *absent*.

- No report.

Pollution – (vacant)

- No report
 - If interested, please reach out to Rich Kerlin with questions regarding the expectations of this committee. Rich Kerlin at kerlinkanine@aol.com or 724-601-6974
 - This committee will only need to report quarterly or as needed.

Fishing Derby – Mark Crevar

- Township calendar list May 2, 2026, as the youth fishing derby day.
- Will run same as last year with same budget as last year. Will check on cost of fish for stocking.

Fish Committee – Mark Crevar

- Erie fishing has been tough.
- Winter trout stock has been good.
- Waters are slushie and will be icing soon.
- Approach youth foundation at upcoming meetings for help with the derby funding.

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat>

<https://fbweb.pa.gov/TroutStocking>

<https://ncflyshop.com/pages/stream-reports>

<https://www.fisherie.com>

Conservation Camp – Tonya Cable

- Raccoon Creek State Park Group Camp 2 Application submitted.

- Purchased new first aid bags.
- Working on updating camp posters, camper application & counselor application.
- Will be meeting with Amy to begin organizing for camp.
- Will be working on the 2026 Camp schedule. Send us your ideas!
- Camp balance. (see Tonya for details)
- Background check links. Update & get copies to Tonya. They are free. See Amy to make sure you are up to date.
 - As a member of the BCSCCL and volunteering for camp and other youth events, it is important to keep our background checks up to date by renewing every 5 years.
 - HTE instructors have background checks complete. Give a copy of your instructor card to Amy to show status which will verify updated background checks.
 - This is a 3-step process. See the links below if your background check needs updated. Once complete, please turn them into Tonya Cable, Beaver County Conservation Camp Director.
 - 1. [PA State Police History Clearance](#)
 - 2. [Child Abuse History Clearance](#)
 - 3. [Disclosure Statement](#) (for individuals who have lived in PA 10 years or more)
 - OR [PA Fingerprinting](#) (ONLY for individuals who have live in PA less than 10 years)
 - Updated basic first aid & CPR certifications. Turn a copy into Amy.

Archery – Josh Wolfe – [Report](#)

National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)

- NASP terminates contract/relationship with IBO for inter-scholastic 3D archery to run and manage their own 3D Archery program; rules and details can be found at the news release here: <https://www.naspschools.org/national-archery-in-the-schools-program-excited-to-announce-nasp-3d/>
- NASP Bullseye State Tournament this year is scheduled for 20 March 2026 in Manheim, PA
 - Pennsylvania Game Commission is Interested in filling the venue with exhibitors/vendors and organizations/groups (local and national networking connections for archers)
 - NASP 3D Archery state tournament scheduled for 20 March 2026
- NASP Tournaments
 - Monthly Virtual Tournaments to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital; next E-Tournament is scheduled for 31 December 2025 and 1 January 2026; see link here: <https://nasptournaments.org/echampionship/default.aspx>
 - Central Valley Groundhog's Day Tournament: Saturday, Jan 31st, 2026, at the Central Valley Middle School – Volunteers needed.

Programs: Youth Foundation

- The BCSCCL Youth Foundation Youth Archery event scheduled for March 21st, 2026.
 - Archery Event consists of a welcome/safety brief, a basic skills archery class, lunch, structured shooting, archery games, certificate presentation, culmination.
 - Archery Coaches and Volunteers still needed (USA Archery Certified/BAI certified)
 - Riverside High School NASP team expressed interest in supporting the event with coaching support.
 - Meeting with Central Valley Archery Program to discuss potential support pending dates.

Programs: Operation KidShot

- We are looking for used bow and equipment donations to set up for children during next year's 3D season.

- If any club is interested in Operation KidShot setting up at one of their 3D shoots next year, please let me know.

Coaching Opportunities

- NASP Basic Archery Instructor (BAI)
 - Becoming a NASP BAI is free of charge; requires a hybrid/in-person course led by a NASP instructor (In PA; a PGC instructor)
 - Course availability can be found at <https://naspbai.org/Classsearch.aspx>.
 - All BAIs must log 10 “in-school” hours of instruction annually to retain BAI certification.
 - Upcoming BAI Courses include:
 - N/A
 - Beaver County could host a BAI Course if we could get a school interested in adding NASP to their curriculum.
- USA Archery Coaching Certification
 - Anyone interested in Coaching Certification from USA Archery should sign up via their website and conduct online certification.
 - Fees and prerequisites include:
 - USA Archery Membership - \$70 per year
 - USA Archery Online Level 1 certification – \$40 (onetime fee)
 - Center for Safesport training – Free; must complete to be valid.
 - Background check – \$25 (every three years)
 - Practical Course (In-Person) – Costs vary; Archery Director is currently taking the instructor-trainer course to offer this service to BCSCS and Youth Foundation members for free; should be complete by December 2025
 - This certification allows you or your clubs to host a Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) program or an Explore Archery program.
 - Information can be found at <https://www.usarchery.org/coaches/become-a-coach>.

Bowhunting

- Archery Season – Whitetail
 - Late Season Archery: 26 DEC 2025 – 19 JAN 2026

Club Archery Events

- Five Points Hunt Club Scheduled Bow Shoots 2026
 - February 8th – 3D Shoot
 - March 8th – 3D Shoot
 - April 12th – 3D Shoot
 - May 17th – 3D Shoot
 - June 14th – 3D Shoot
 - July 12th – 3D Shoot
 - August 8th-9th – Hunt of a Lifetime 3D Shoot
 - September 13th – 3D Shoot
- Beaver Falls Sportsman’s Association Scheduled Bow Shoots 2026
 - March 22nd – 3D Shoot
 - April 26th – 3D Shoot
 - May 24th – 3D Shoot
 - June 28th – 3D Shoot
 - July 26th – 3D Shoot
 - August 23rd – Back to School 3D Shoot
 - September 26th – 3D Night Shoot

State Archery Events

- Lancaster Archery Classic scheduled for January 22-25, 2026 (Lancaster, PA)
- Total Archery Challenge scheduled for May 28-31, 2026 (Seven Springs, PA)
- Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous (ETAR) scheduled for July 23-26, 2026 (Morris, PA)
- Elk Country Archery Challenge scheduled for August 14-16, 2026 (Benezette, PA)
- R100 3D Shoot scheduled for September 11-13, 2026 (Franklin, PA)

Joshua A. Wolfe

riganoutdoors@gmail.com

724-833-0683

Events Coordinator – Amy Swartzlander – [report](#)

- Event Name: Breakfast with Santa

Location: Unionville United Methodist Church – 1297 PA-68, Rochester PA 15074

Date: Saturday 12/13/25

Time: 9am – 1pm

Other Information: Benefiting Emily Thielman's Kidney Transplant Journey

Adults - \$12, Kids (3-10) - \$8, Under 3 – FREE – Cash preferred

- Event Name: Breakfast with the Grinch – Oakdale Troop 248

Location: Oakdale Community Center – 104 Seminary Ave, Oakdale, PA 15071

Date: 12/20/2025

Time: 8am – 12pm

Other Information: Fundraiser for Troop 248 who agreed to help share our Youth Foundation Events

- Event Name: First Day Hike

Location: Raccoon Creek State Park – 3000 PA- 18, Hookstown, PA 15050

Date: 1/1/2026

Time: 10am

Other Information: 2 hour – 3 mile hike – Registration required - To register, visit the website at <https://eventsreg.dcnr.pa.gov/register/CreateSingle/14651>

- Event Name: Forest Grove Sportsmen's Association Annual Gun Bash

Location: The Pepsi Cola Roadhouse

Date: 3/7/2026

Time: TBD

Other Information: Tickets and other information available soon on their website -

<https://www.forestgrovesportsmen.com/gun-bash>

- Event Name: Indoor 22 Shoots

Location: East Palestine Sportsmen's Club

Date: Fridays – Jan 16th – April 17th, 2026

Time: 7pm

Other Information: Kids welcome! \$1 & \$2 rounds, quarter board, team rounds & a shoot off. Contact Steve (330-716-6392) for more information.

- Any club/group who wants their event posted on our BCSCS website calendar, or the BCSCS Facebook page (youth events can be posted to the BCSCS Youth Foundation FB Page as well), and/or shared at meetings if you are unable to attend - please send all relevant info with any flyers to Amy Swartzlander 724-513-9349 - ajswartzlander@gmail.com

Legislative – Craig Holdren – [report](#)

Legislative Update on Gun Registration House Bill

The anti-gun crowd has pushed House Bill 1891 through the judiciary committee in the usual 14 Democrats to 12 Republicans vote. Sad days for the Democrat party indeed, as they used to be loaded with informed and critically thinking legislators. Now it seems to be all about the party agenda, Constitution and common sense be damned.

Once we know if the bill will be added to the calendar for a second consideration in the House, we will announce a call to action and try to get our members engaged in contacting legislators to oppose the bill. Right now, it is not on the calendar that we know of, but the website is not updated completely. Some allies in the House will advise us if it gets added for a vote, so till then, we sit tight.

FOAC President Jim Stoker's Testimony on SB822 & FOAC ILLEA Podcast Episode 6: Preemption (SB822)



We made the news! FOAC Institute President Jim Stoker's testimony before the PA Senate Local Government Committee on Senate Bill 822, an effort to strengthen the preemption statute in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The entire meeting went for over an hour.

Senate Bill 822 (Sen. Langerholc) and the need for it to pass into law. They discussed the current status of preemption, the failings of many of our district attorneys to enforce the law, and why this bill could change the landscape of Article I, Section 21 (2nd Amendment) battles in PA.

[Watch Now](#)

- [FOAC membership](#)

Fundraising – Guy Cable

- BRG 9 mm semi-auto Pistol Raffle ticket based on the 3-digit 7 pm PA lottery to go off on Christmas Day. All tickets have been sold and money turned in.

Youth Mentored Hunts – Rich Kerlin

Pheasant

- No report.

Goose

- 10 kids participated & 3 geese harvested.
- 68 adults participated & 17 geese harvested.
- Hunters from several clubs & some park rangers participated in the hunt.
- Best participation seen in many years.

Youth Field Day – Amy Swartzlander

- No report.

Banquet – (President's Meeting on the even years & Banquet on the odd years in the month of March)

- March 23, 2026, President's Meeting will be held at Northside Sportsmen's Club.
 - Will be working on the agenda and scheduling speakers.
 - Suggestions or ideas, please share with Rich Kerlin as soon as possible.

Big Knob Fair – Dick Bayer – *absent (keep in your thoughts for speedy recovery)*

- No report.

Lead Abatement / Range Management Best Practices – Dan Losco *absent (keep in your thoughts for speedy recovery)*

To contact Dan: email 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

- No report.

Contact Rich Kerlin with additional details for any firearms training. kerlinkanine@aol.com

Unfinished Business

- Website is still not up to date. An email was sent to Frank with some of the things that need addressed or updated.
- Get BCSCCL dues and an UPDATED credential sheet turned in ASAP for the year 2026. Click [here](#) for credential sheet.
- 2026 BCSCCL Schedule updated. Click [here](#) for schedule!
- Sportsman / Outdoor County Wide Swap Meet still in the works. Looking at early May offering a non-profit rate.
- PFSC is offering Shaw Rifle to clubs that join their organization.
- PA Game Commission Grant Program opens in January 2026.
- Hereford Manor Investment – Managed by Wildlife for Everyone Foundation Financial Report
 - Reviewed current balances as of 11/30/25.

New Business

- Nominee for Board Member of the Beaver County Conservation District. Alex D. Schreiber, CPA (member of Aliquippa Bucktails) – Read request letter aloud for all delegates in attendance.
 - Click [here](#) to read letter.
 - Alex D. Schreiber was nominated by Northside / Aliquippa.
 - 12 – yes
 - 1 – no
 - 3 – abstention
- Will request he come to our meetings when able to represent the sportsmen & introduce himself to our officers, delegates, and members.

Good of the Order

- [FOAC membership](#)
- Beaver Falls "Kosmic Klays" Starting @ Dark. January 10, February 7, and March 7. \$20 registration fee. Presquading starts 2 weeks prior to date. Contact president@bfsa.us
 - BFSA Kosmic Klays Fundraiser \$10 / ticket. Winner receives 12 flats of shells or \$1,000.

- Midland Annual Gun Bash. Saturday 2/21/25 at Center Stage. \$50 / ticket.
- Green Valley – Youth Archery January – May 2026 on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays beginning at 6 pm. Click [here](#) for details.
- FOAC Gun Bash March 14th, 2026, Washington County Fairgrounds. \$50 / ticket. Click [here](#) for details.
- Looking for donations for the sportsmen's raffle table for the youth archery event.
- Last chance for 2026 NWTF calendars. \$60 / calendar.
- Consider hosting CPR, basic first aid, stop the bleed classes, etc.
- Ideas for increasing membership.
- Henry Silver Boy Raffle benefits a young lady diagnosed with metastatic melanoma. \$5 / tix. See Mark B.

50/50 Drawing

- \$45 Winner drawn.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Motion to Adjourn

- Northside / North Borough Passed. 9:14 pm

NOTE: The January Meeting is the 2nd Thursday of the month.

2026 Meeting Schedule

Date of Meeting, Club Name & Address

January 1	Aliquippa Bucktails	2564 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001
February 5	Rochester	181 Sportsman Ln, Rochester, PA 15074
March 5	Rochester – North Boroughs Hosting	181 Sportsman Ln, Rochester, PA 15074
April 2	B.V. Archers	277 Rothart Drive, New Brighton, PA 15066
May 7	Green Valley	101 Fishpot Road, Monaca, PA 15061
June 4	Beaver Falls & Western PA Youth Outdoorsmen	247 Sportsman Road, Darlington, PA 16115
July 2	Hopewell VFW	138 Stone Quarry Rd, Aliquippa, PA 15001
August 6	Midland	142 Eastwood Drive, Industry, PA 15052
September 10	Ambridge	2900 Ridge Road, Ext., Baden, PA 15005
October 1	Conway	100 Magill Rd, Zelienople, PA 16063
November 5	Kopple / Big Beaver	665 Norwood Drive, Wampum, PA 16157
December 10	Five Points	285 Bocktown-Cork Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001

2026 BCSCS President's Meeting

March 23, 2026	North Side Sportsmen's Association	325 Mount Pleasant Road, Warrendale, PA 15086
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Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSCS

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