



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



March 7, 2024, Minutes
Meeting Location – Rochester (Hosted by North Borough's)

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
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	P	NWTF 2 nd Chance Toms	Tim Reichl
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Frank Kelly		(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	Forest Grove	Mike Karkalla	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Frank Eder		(Alt)	Tim Hartzell		(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	A	Green Valley	Mike Sabat	P	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(Alt)	John Suroweic		(Alt)	Joe McMullen		(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
P	B.V Rifle & Pistol	Rich Wall	A	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	P	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

Host Club Welcome – Bob Reid, President of North Boroughs Sportsmen's Association

Guests

- Taylor Cable

Last month's minutes

- Motion to accept for audit. Five Points / BV Archers. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

- Report provided & reviewed.
 - Checks written for office supplies & Minuteman Press for President invites.
 - Deposit \$250 (dues)
 - All dues paid except Sewickley; however, the check for Sewickley dues is in the mail.

Motion to accept report for audit. NWTF / Ambridge. 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

- Still trapping and tagging Turkeys.
- Proposal on the table to allow youth hunters under the mentor tag to hunt pheasant.
 - Contact commissioner with concerns.
- PGC will list Hunter-Trapper Education classes online for registration 2 months prior to each class.
- Requests for Archery class & Cable Restraint class to be held in Beaver County.
- Q & A

[PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) – Jeremy Allen - [Report](#)

- “Notice of Stocking” Permit to be completed on-line. The Reply email you receive is your approval letter.
- Mentored youth day is March 30th 8 am – 7 pm. Youth under 16 & adults over 16. Adults must have PA license and trout stamp while youth must have mentor permit (the permit is free).
 - Youth can keep 2 trout & adults catch & release.
- Beaver County Stocking: Brady’s Run Lake on 3/21/24 & Raccoon State Park on 3/13/24
- Basic Boating Course coming in Beaver County and Washington County
- Women’s virtual fly-fishing course coming. (go on the PFBC website calendar)
- Q & A

[PA Fish and Boat Commission](#)

Affiliated Organizations

Conservation District – (vacant) - [Report](#)

Lindsey Shepler, Watershed Specialist / Environmental Educator

- Envirothon Competition - Beaver County Schools on 4/10/24 Brady’s Run. Volunteers needed. [details here](#)
- Tire Collection Day through the West Nile Virus Program on 4/13/24 for Beaver County Residents (up to 20-inch tires & must be off the rim). Registration required. – [details here](#)
- Discussion on open positions for a director and an associate director.
 - Rick Caton interested in being nominated. If anyone else is interested, let Rich Kerlin know so we can begin nominations next month.
 - Those interested in being a director need to present the league with a letter of interest to the BCSCCL Board of Directors for approval. This approval will be sent to Nicole (the chief clerk) at the courthouse which will then be presented to the commissioners.
- Programs for environmental education are available for adults and kids. Contact Lindsey Shepler

- Lindsey.shepler@bccdpa.us or call the district office at 724-378-1701.
- Soil testing offered. Spreader rental available. details here [Page 1](#) [Page 2](#)
- Tree Memorial for Dick Smith coming soon.
- Annual Tree sale coming. Check website and or Facebook page.

BCSCL Youth Foundation – Rick Caton

- Take posters to post for upcoming events.
- Meet the 3rd 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!
- “Certification of Appreciation” presented to BVRP, North Borough & Rochester for donations to the youth foundation. Thank you!
- Annual Youth Foundation Sporting Clay Shoot.

We The People of America – Jerry Hooks

- Meeting to be held on March 21, 2024, at 7 PM at “The Victory House” in Freedom on 4th avenue. All Welcome!
- Working on a bus to go to Harrisburg for the Rally this year.
- Organizing an Election Rally for September at the Gazebo across from the Beaver County Court House.
- Handbooks to be distributed and will be used for the Rally.

Committee Reports

Audit Committee – Mark Benzio

- No report.

Booklet – Rob Smith: Contact info (724) 407- 3945 or rasmith10@comcast.net

- Final proofing done & ready for print.

Game – Mike Harcher – report [Page 1](#) [Page 2](#) [Page 3](#) [Page 4](#)

- PA Game Commission making culvert repairs in streams within the game lands in partnership with the National Fish & Wildlife.
- Dr. Gary Alt was awarded the John C Oliver Lifetime Achievement award on January 26th.
- Deer sheds being found in creeks.
- National Deer Association studies show 41% of deer hunters harvest at least 1 deer per year.
- Travis Anderson was named “Wildlife Manager of the Year” by the NWTF.
- Bill introduced in PA to give PA game commission control over Sunday hunting.
- Hunting furbearers with dogs during deer and bear season banned (daytime hours only)
- PA Game Commission Southwest Region April 13th 9 am – 3 pm in Bolivar for scoring white tail deer and elk.

Pollution – Mike Harcher – report [Page 1](#) [Page 2](#)

- Allegheny River chosen as “River of the Year.”
- Micro plastics are a big problem in waterways. Scientists may have found a bacteria to breakdown micro plastics.
- Mississippi River - major decline in pollution from water sheds.
- Micro plastics are found in 70% of PA waters.
- DEP found no evidence of pollution from the train derailment.

Fishing Derby – Mike Zon – *absent*

- May 4, 2024
- Fish ordered & permit submitted.
- Posters printed and ready to be posted.

Fish Committee – Mark Crevar

- No report

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](#)
- Posters ready! Please post them!
- 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
- Received Five Points Sponsorship for 2 campers. Thank you!
- Received our 1st camper application.
- Camp committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Bucktails. All are welcome!
- Encourage all past staff to come to the camp and help or even just come visit!
- Working on Bus transportation.

Archery – Walt Ketterer

- Indoor league on Tuesday beginning in April.
- JOAD archery – 11 Clubs
- Archery in Schools Program
- Five Points 3D Archery now allows crossbows.
- Lancaster foundation grant received to start a 3D Youth archery team in Beaver Falls.
- Discussion on a local 3D archery shoot forming at Rochester. See attached [schedule](#).
- Beaver Falls has a new 3D archery range to be open soon.

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
 - Frank - contact at frankkelly51@outlook.com
 - Tonya - contact at gtcttc@yahoo.com

Legislative – Craig Holdren

- FOAC Gun Bash 3/16/24 – All funding goes to support 2nd amendment rights.
- 2nd Amendment Rally April 30th in Harrisburg beginning at **10 am**.
 - We the People getting a bus. Rochester getting a bus.
 - Need better attendance!
- 2A Rally Poster – [Here](#)
- High percentage of anti-gun bills. Need to get involved!
- 26 pages of antigun bills out at the present time.
- South Carolina became the 29th state in the nation with constitutional carry laws.
- Concealed Carry Class at Route 66 Feed Mill on May 13th.

Hunter Education – Mike Zon – *absent*

- Midland Sportsmen's Club Class March 9th, 2024
- Concord Methodist Church Class March 16th, 2024
- Sylvania Hills Baptist Church April 13th, 2024
- Aliquippa Bucktails to be scheduled on May 18th, 2024
- Rochester to be on July 13th, 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

- Annual Sporting Clay Shoot to be held at Rochester (Working on locking down a date.) May move into September.

Youth Mentored Hunts – Rich Kerlin

Pheasant

- No report

Goose

- No Report

Youth Field Day – Tonya Cable

- To be held on 7/20/24 @ Midland [Poster](#)
- Poster Printed. They need to be posted!
- Committee meetings the 3rd Thursday of every month at Bucktails. All welcome!
- 28 youth registered to date. Will take 100 youth.
- Taking individual & / or club donations for the “Sportsmen’s Auction” table. Any hunting and / or outdoor sporting items welcome. Bring them to any meeting between now and July.

Banquet – vacant

- No report

Big Knob Fair – Guy & Tonya Cable

- None

Lead Abatement / Range Management Best Practices – Dan Losco

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

- Refuse to be a Victim Class at Aliquippa Bucktails March 16th 8am – 12 pm. (non-firearms) Registration NRA website. \$20 – [more details](#)
- NRA Basic Rifle Class is scheduled for April 13th. Only 12 people.

Go to NRA website “Training” for all class registrations. Register on the waitlist.

- 3/23/24 Basic Pistol Class. NRA website to register.
- 4/27/24 & 6/8/24 – NRA Range Safety Officer classes to be held at Beaver Falls Sportsmen’s Club. Register on NRA website.
- SETP & AIM class at Beaver Falls on April 6, 2024 (certification class for youth shooting program coaches)
- 3/20/24 at BVRP hosting concealed carry home defense class.
- 4/11/24 Situation Awareness Class at Survival Readiness in Ambridge.
- Get information to Rich regarding any upcoming club firearms training.

Contact Rich Kerlin for additional details for any firearms training listed above.

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Unfinished Business

- President’s Meeting – invitation [Page 1](#) [Page 2](#)
 - RSVP count review
 - Wear your green shirts.
 - Agenda Review
- Budget Request for 2024
 - Booklet \$1000, Fair \$1500, President Meeting \$700, Fishing Derby \$1500, Youth Hunt \$300, Conservation Camp \$5000, Field Day \$3000.

- Youth Foundation Funding Approved by the Youth Foundation.

Motion made to approve the 2024 budget as listed above. BVRP / NWTF. Passed.

- County League hats available \$15 / each.
- Last of the PFSC license plates and patches sold.
- NWTF Banquet April 20th. The league will purchase a table as approved at an earlier meeting. See Mark if you would like to go. Poster. – details [here](#).
- 2024 Calendar of club / league events updated and copies of March – June handed out to all delegates.

New Business

- Other clubs have expressed interest in hosting a league meeting for 2025. If your club would like to skip a year to allow for one of the new clubs to host meeting, let Tonya or Rich know.
- CV Trap Team (opened up to other school districts) schedule & contact information attached [Page 1](#) [Page 2](#)
- Western Beaver Trap Team is now under the name of Blackhawk Team (The majority of the team is from Blackhawk.)
- Hereford Manor has been sold. The funds that were raised are still earmarked for fishing opportunities.
 - Special meeting to be held to discuss the fundraising that was done for Hereford Manor & how to handle the investment of the Youth Foundation Funds, The Tony Rich Scholarship Funds & Hereford Manor Funds.
- ATF is cracking down on organizations having a Gun Bash. To have a Gun Bash and give guns away at the bash, the bash must be sponsored by a club that has a gun range.

Good of the Order

- Five Points 3D archery Sunday. 8am – 2pm (you can bring cross bows)
- Midland Swap Meet March 16th. 8 am – 1 pm (\$3 at the door)
- Midland March 23rd Ham / Turkey shoot at 1 pm (sign ups at noon)
- Midland 3D archery shoots all summer (3rd Sunday of the month – April through September)
- Midland Trap practice beginning Tuesday March 12th \$4 / round
- Midland Gun Bash May 5th \$50 / ticket
- Aliquippa Bucktails Swap Meet April 20th (\$10 / table)
- Aliquippa Bucktails Ham Shoot March 23rd (sign ups at 10 am)
- Ambridge Swap Meet March 9th (9am – 4pm) \$5
- Ambridge March 17th is the last Turkey Shoot sign ups at 12 noon
- Ambridge Trout Derby March 30th (7 am – 2 pm)
 - Bait available at the lake.
- Ambridge 3D shoot (8 am – 1 pm) May 11th
- Ambridge Springfest on May 18th
- Rochester Sporting Clay Shoots start in April. See Rochester Sportsmen's Club website for details.
- Rochester on the 3D Shoot Calendar 2nd Sunday of the month April - September
- Rochester tickets (cash at noon & gun in evening) \$50 / ticket
- We The People of America has "Scratch of Ticket" Raffle tickets available \$5 each

50/50 Drawing

- none

Motion to Adjourn

- NWTF / Conway. Passed 10:00 pm

2024 Meeting Schedule

January 4	Aliquippa Bucktails - Confirmed	2564 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001
February 1	Rochester – Confirmed	181 Sportsman Ln, Rochester, PA 15074
March 7	Rochester – North Boroughs Hosting – Confirmed	181 Sportsman Ln, Rochester, PA 15074
April 4	B.V. Archers – Confirmed	277 Rothhart Drive, New Brighton, PA 15066
May 2	Green Valley	101 Fishpot Road, Monaca, PA 15061
June 6	Pine Run	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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