



Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation League

President Meeting

3-20-2023

Location: Aliquippa Bucktails League



Pledge of Allegiance & Sportsmen's Pledge

Moment of Silence and Prayer

Introduction of BCSCCL League Officers by Rick Kerlin, Aliquippa Bucktails League President

ROLL CALL: "PRESIDENT" of MEMBER CLUBS

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	P	Five Points	A	Pine Run
A	Ambridge	P	FOAC & FOAC, ILLEA	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers
P	Beaver Falls	P	Forest Grove	P	Rochester
P	B.V. Archers	P	Green Valley	A	Sewickley
P	B.V Rifle & Pistol	P	Midland		
P	Conway	P	N. Boroughs		

ADDITIONAL CLUBS & OTHER INVITED GUESTS

- Ambridge Delegate
- Pine Run Delegate & Alternate Delegate
- Sewickley Delegate and Club Member
- Ellwood Wampum Rod & Gun Club
- Castlewood Rod & Gun Club
- Beaver County Coon Hunters Association
- Allegheny County Sportsmen's League
- Logans Ferry Sportsmen's Club
- Lawrence County Counsel of Sportsmen
- NWTF 2nd Chance Toms

OFFICERS

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

Welcome from the host Club: Aliquippa Bucktails

Introduction of Special Guests:

Youth Foundation

Vice president, Guy Cable

- 501c3 non-profit organization
- All donations and funding are used for youth events and educational programs conducted by the League & Youth Foundation
 - Fishing Derby
 - Field Day
 - Conservation Camp
 - Youth Mentored Hunts
- Meetings are held at Aliquippa Bucktails on the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning @ 6pm
- New applications available for sponsorships / memberships to the youth foundation
- Application available for supporting youth field days of all clubs belonging to the league & other youth outdoor sporting events
- Annual Youth Foundation Sporting Clay Shoot scheduled for August 19, 2023 held at Rochester Sportsmen's Club. See www.bcscl.org for details.

We the People of America

- Meetings held monthly at Rochester Sportsmen's Club
 - See website for meeting dates and details – www.wtpoa.org
- Founded by Tony Rich
- Current President is Jerry Hooks
- Organizing a trip to Harrisburg to Speak with the politicians and hand deliver "Elected Official Handbooks"

Beaver County Conservation District

156 Cowpath Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001

Heather Humbert, Environmental Educator

- Provided a description of what the Conservation is, what it does, how it is regulated and by whom it is regulated and a brief description of the board of directors.

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Presentation – [click here](#)

Guest Speakers:

Lead Abatement – Civil & Environmental Consultants (CEC)

Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. is an engineering and environmental consulting firm. CEC provides expertise in air quality, civil engineering, ecological sciences, environmental engineering and sciences, survey, and waste management.

Jennifer Ewing is a geologist that specializes in environmental site assessments including projects conducted under Pennsylvania's Land Recycling Program and in accordance with PADEP's Management of Fill Policy.

Mark Orzechowski is a geologist with experience performing and managing diverse environmental projects.

Main take away: Each club should have a written "Environmental Stewardship Plan" also known as an "ESP" that addresses reducing or stabilizing lead in soil. Then, implement your plan!

TEMPLATE for an Environmental Stewardship Plan for Management of Lead / Bullets at Outdoor Shooting Ranges is found within the PADEP's link below.....

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act – monitors hazardous material for proper disposal

References discussed at the meeting:

- PADEP's "Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges" – click on the link below (<http://www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/PDFProvider.ashx?action=PDFStream&docID=7823&chksum=&revision=0&docName=BEST+MANAGEMENT+PRACTICES+FOR+LEAD+AT+OUTDOOR+SHOOTING+RANGES&nativeExt=.pdf&PromptToSave=False&Size=81080&ViewerMode=2&overlay=0>)
- U.S. EPA's "Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges" manual – click on the link below (<https://www.epa.gov/lead/best-management-practices-lead-outdoor-shooting-ranges>)
- "NSSF Environmental Aspects of Construction and Management of Outdoor Shooting Ranges;" which includes sample ESPs (Environmental Stewardship Plans) – [click here](#)

Q & A

Allegheny County Sportsmen's League

Klint Macro, President

Organized in 1921, discussion on history of the league, connections with FOAC and the PA Game Commission.

ACSL Presidents' dinner to be held on April 28th, 2023. Invitation extended

Contact Klint to RSVP attendance at kmacro@acslpa.org

ACSL Field Day to be held on Saturday, July 15th, 2023 at Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmen's Club

- a. Other ACSL Activities – CWD research, legislation and hunting & game commission
- b. Pitcairn-Monroeville Incident – Dan Maybury, President offers to meet and provide more details
 1. Proper vetting of club members; review your club policies and / or procedures.

FOAC

Herb Ohlinger, President

Firearm Owners Against Crime (FOAC) is a non-partisan, non-connected all-volunteer Political Action Committee organized to empower 'all' gun owners, outdoors enthusiasts and supporters of the 2nd Amendment to the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution and Article 1 Section 21 and 25 of the PA Constitution with the tools and information necessary to protect freedom from transgression. FOAC was formed shortly after the City of Pittsburgh's illegal gun and ammunition ban of 1993 as the political Action Committee associated with Allegheny County Sportsmen's League. This was an active year for gun legislation in Pennsylvania (Act 84 of 1994-HB 185 the preemption law, Casey's gun ban) and the United States (Brady Bill, Assault Weapons Ban...). A number of those who fought the Pittsburgh gun ban realized that a more politically active role was necessary if we were to keep and protect our "God given rights". FOAC became a formal statewide Political Action Committee in early 1994.

We vigorously oppose legislators who want to restrict the legitimate use of firearms, including personal and property protection as guaranteed by the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We accomplish these goals by monitoring and reviewing legislative initiatives and the voting records of elected officials. This information is shared with interested parties, such as County Sportsmen's Leagues, the PA Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, the Unified Sportsmen of PA, the Eastern Firearms Coalition, the Concerned Gun Owners of PA, PA Gun Owners Association, PA State Camp Lessees Association and other interested organizations at both the state and county level.

The FOAC process is specific and thorough as well as determined by our bylaws. FOAC is a grass roots driven organization. We try to inform the public on political issues at both a state and federal level and to encourage individual activism. Incumbents and candidates are required to complete a questionnaire on Second Amendment issues. FOAC reviews and analysis of the candidate's completed questionnaire along with candidate interviews and information in the public domain. Endorsement by FOAC entails the active involvement of time and resources, personal as well as organizational, as well as extending our reputation to that candidate as one who can be supported because his/her philosophy and/or record show a dedication to our rights and heritage. Candidates for statewide office are evaluated every election cycle. These evaluations are then placed on an FOAC voter guide and distributed on our website.

Unlike many organizations, we recommend that you never, ever vote for the "lesser of two evils." If we cannot make a good recommendation, then we simply do not make a recommendation for that race. When you see a particular office without a name (or unsuitable candidate) on our list, then either we felt none of the candidates were worth our recommendation or we were unable to obtain the information needed to make a recommendation.

Our philosophy is summarized as follows: In a free society, no citizen should ever have to justify the assertion of a fundamental right. Indeed, unless there is a compelling reason, government should never inhibit the exercise of privilege either. A very general premise is that the best government is the least government.

"When the government **is not properly enforcing the laws** to curtail violent crime that already exist, it is wrong to place additional restrictions on the law-abiding to accomplish the same purpose."

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FOAC, ILLEA

Jim Stoker, President

IT'S TIME!

It's time for the sportsmen's leagues and the gun clubs, the pro-2A organizations and the home-based FFL, the large retail shops, and the law-abiding gun enthusiast to join up and fight together for what is right in Pennsylvania. It's time so many stopped thinking "someone else will do it" and started engaging in the process to defend what is near and dear to our hearts, homes, and future. Our enemies have taken the House of Representatives in Pennsylvania and their steady deluge of anti-gun initiatives has turned into an ever-stronger current coming to tear away our fundamental rights to liberty and self-defense.

There are over 700,000 hunters in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Over 1,200 various gun clubs, and over 1.5 million licenses to carry firearms. So why is it we are losing our rights in the halls of Harrisburg? The mission of FOAC-ILLEA is to convince all these law-abiding patriots and sportsmen in the Commonwealth to join forces. It's time we get our sportsmen engaged in standing up for their freedoms before it's too late. For many years there have been divisions in our ranks, debates of what should be fought for and what would be taken. It's never been that simple though, has it? If history has taught us anything it's that the opposition wants to take it ALL. We either band together to stop the anti-gun agenda or we accept that when our freedoms are gone, when our sport shooting, hunting, and gun clubs have all gone away, "we the people" allowed it to happen. The time has come for us all to engage the anti-gun enemy, and stand together in the halls of legislature, the voting booths, and the steps of the capitol building to stop this insanity. If you've been waiting thinking someone else will do it, you're already late to the call. That someone else needs to be you. Join us in the battle to preserve our Constitutional Republic. It's time to unite in the fight.

With you in freedom,

Jim Stoker

FOAC-ILLEA, President

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"The Constitution shall never be construed... to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms." – Alexander Hamilton

Membership Application – [click here](#)

Committee Reports

a. Hunter Safety Education Upcoming Classes

- 5/20/23 – Midland
- 6/17/23 – Aliquippa Bucktails
- More classes to come

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

b. Fishing Derby

- May 6, 2023
- Posters available
- Each child will receive a number that day that will be used for giving away prizes
- Will have tagged fish for additional
- Ages: up to age 15 years
- 8 am to 12 pm
- FREE

c. Legislative

- Harrisburg Rally on Monday June 12, 2023 on the front steps of the capital

d. Conservation Camp

- Dates of the Camp are July 23 – July 29, 2023. WEEK-LONG COED
- Cost of the camp is \$250 for the week
- Group Camp 3 at Raccoon Creek State Park
- Information is on the www.bcscl.org website
- Posters ready – [poster](#)
- Camper (age 13-15) applications ready to be handed out – [camper application](#)
- Counselor (JR age 16-17 & SR age 18-20) applications ready to be handed out – [counselor application](#)
- Hunter Trapper Education Class prior to camp is mandatory for campers & counselors
- Need background checks information on all counselors age 18-20 & adults helping with the camp
 - (Copies need to be given to Tonya)
 - [“link for PA state Police Check”](#)
 - [“link for Child abuse Clearance”](#)
 - [“FBI background”](#)
- GOAL is to have 50 kids registered for camp. MUST have at least 20 campers registered by May 15th

e. Youth Field Day

- Saturday, July 15, 2023 all day – Lunch provided!
- Location: Midland Sportsmen’s Club
- Ages 8 to 17
- Posters ready – [field day poster](#)
- Registration is on-line
- Information is on the www.bcscl.org website

f. Youth Mentored Hunts

- County Pheasant Hunt in October will be on-line soon through PA Game Commission
- Controlled Goose Hunt @ Brady’s Run Park
- BCSCS Support for the “Youth Trap” teams in Beaver County
 - Guest Speaker from Beaver Falls Sportsmen’s Club Invitational Shoot, Ron Neff

Special Events

- a. Supporting the NWTF Banquet to be held on April 15, 2023 at Ambridge Club
- a. Recently joined the BCSCS

b. Celebration of Life for Tony Rich

- a. Date: May 7, 2023
- b. Location: Brady's Run Lodge
- c. Time: 2 pm to 6pm
- d. Tickets available. \$10 each to attend with a chance to win a commemorative Golden Boy.
- e. Raffles & Silent Auction available with all donations. Thank you to the many clubs who have donated for this event.
- f. All proceeds will be used to form an ongoing "Tony Rich" Scholarship Fund

Unfinished Business:

- a. Club Insurance: If any club has information or ideas to share about club insurance, please pass the information on to Tonya Cable at gtcttc@yahoo.com

This information will be passed along to all!

Drawing: 50/50 winner of \$130

BCSCL thanks you for your attendance!

Motion to Adjourn

- W. Ketterer, BV Archers / T. Watson, Ambridge. Passed 10:05 pm

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