



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



## November 6, 2025, Minutes Meeting Location – Beaver Falls Sportsmen's Association

### MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

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

### OFFICERS

P = Present, A = Absent

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 – Ron Neff, President of Beaver Falls Sportsmen's Association**

### Guests

- Jeff from Northside Sportsmen's Association
- Pat from North Boro
- Bob from Beaver Falls

## Last month's minutes

Motion to accept for audit. Pine Run / Ellwood Wampum. Passed.

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

- Checks written for South Fayette Handicap Hunt, Dick B for fair expenses & Annual renewal of the US Post Office.
- No deposits.

Motion to accept for audit. Kopple Big Beaver / Aliquippa. 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)** – SGW Michael D. Yeck – District 2-04-1 – [Report](#)

### PHEASANT SEASON IN FULL SWING

- plan to stock approximately 215,000 birds through early January.
- required to purchase a pheasant permit in addition to a general hunting license. The permit costs \$26.97.
- Hunters are advised that some of the pheasants they find in the field this year might have leg bands. By reporting those banded birds, hunters can provide important information as part of a Game Commission study to assess harvest rates.

### FALL TURKEY SEASON

- WMU 1A – Nov. 1-Nov. 15
- WMU 2A – Nov. 1-Nov. 15 and Nov. 26-28
- WMU 2B – Nov. 1-Nov. 21 and Nov. 26-28.

### DEER CROSSING ROADS MORE FREQUENTLY

- With deer becoming increasingly active, and with daylight-saving time putting more vehicles on the road during the hours when deer move most, the Pennsylvania Game Commission is advising motorists to slow down and stay alert.
- Pennsylvania, once again, led the nation in animal-collision insurance claims in the fiscal year 2024-25.
- A driver who hits a deer with a vehicle is not required to report the accident to the Game Commission. If the deer dies, only Pennsylvania residents may claim the carcass. To do so, they can call the Game Commission at 1-833-PGC-HUNT, and an agency dispatcher will collect the information needed to provide a free permit number, which the caller should write down. A resident must call within 24 hours of taking possession of the deer. A passing Pennsylvania motorist may also claim the deer, if the person whose vehicle hits it does not want it.

**Congratulations to Madison! She had her baby boy!**

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

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

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## **PA Fish and Boat Commission**

### **Affiliated Organizations**

#### **Conservation District** - Lindsey Shepler, Watershed Specialist / Environmental Educator – [Report](#)

- November 2025 County League Report BCCD
  - 1. Our West Nile Virus season wrapped up at the end of September. We finished the year out with 28,248 mosquitos collected county wide. Beaver County reported 82 positive mosquitoes for West Nile Virus, but 0 human cases in the county. There were 51 human cases of West Nile Virus statewide in PA. You can read the full year end summary for WNV in our latest newsletter.
  - 2. Ticks are out in force right now. October was fall surveillance season, and numbers for ticks seem to be up from past years. Be sure do wear repellent, treat clothes, especially hunting clothes with permethrin when possible, and conduct tick checks on yourselves and dogs after coming in from outdoor activities.
  - 3. Our education department finished the year with 33 education events, there are 2 more to be held in November. Next year is filling up already.
  - 4. Annual Envirothon will be held on April 1, 2026, at Brady's Run Lodge. Last year we had 156 students from across 7 districts that participated, and we are hoping to have just as many if not more this year!
  - 5. Here is the link to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter newsletter <https://www.beavercountyconservationdistrict.org/> the newsletter is right at the top of the page.

#### **BCSCL Youth Foundation** – Jeff Ruckert

- An audit will take place with the transfer of Treasurer position.
- Discussion on the BCSCL guns, security cabinet that is currently at Rochester and ammo to be stored at a sportsmen's club that is part of the BCSCL. Pine Run offered.
- We are looking for a gun safe if anyone has one to donate or knows someone who has one, they would like to donate to hold the guns.
- Discussion on using a host club's physical address for the purpose of the Game of Chance license for the BCSCL Youth Foundation.
- Youth Foundation website [www.bcsclfy.com](http://www.bcsclfy.com)
- BCSCL Youth Foundation Sponsorship Applications available.
- Next meeting will be held at Aliquippa Bucktails on Thursday, November 20, 2025, beginning at 7 pm.

## **We The People of America** – Amy Swartzlander

- Still looking for additional feedback for revisions to the handbook. [Click here](#)
- Next meeting 12/18/25 at Rochester Sportsmen's Club beginning @ 7 pm.
  - All are welcome & encouraged to come!!!
- Membership Application. [Click here](#).

## **Committee Reports**

### **Audit Committee** – Mark Benzio

- Appointed audit committee: Dan Losco, Craig Holdren & Mark Crevar
  - Audit complete. No corrections made during audit. Some suggested changes in processes / practices were discussed during the audit to improve audit process.

### **Booklet** – Frank Kelly – *absent*

- 2025 Booklets available to hand out. Take some back to your clubs.

### **Game** – Lindsey Shepler

- Seeing a lot of nice bucks!
- Pheasant season - Successful flushes!
- Turkey Season – still seeing lots of flocks in Beaver County.

### **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](mailto:kerlinkanine@aol.com) or 724-601-6974
    - This committee will only need to report quarterly or as needed.

### **Fishing Derby** – Mark Crevar

- Will be in contact with Hopewell Park to begin planning in January. Same budget as last year.

### **Fish Committee** – Mark Crevar

Fishing in streams and rivers is slow this time of year. Using bait fish to target predator fish. Some are catching catfish in the rivers.

<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

- Park application will be submitted in December.
- Camp balance. (see Tonya for details)

- Background check links. Update & get copies to Tonya. They are free.
  - 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.
  - 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)

## 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/IBO 3D Archery state tournament was tentatively scheduled for 20 March 2026; No update as of 4 NOV 2025 on if the 3D tournament will still be conducted.
- NASP Tournaments
  - Monthly Virtual Tournaments to benefit St. Jude Children’s Hospital; next E-Tournament is scheduled for 1 December 2026; see link here: <https://nasptournaments.org/echampionship/default.aspx>
  - Central Valley Groundhog’s Day Tournament: Saturday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at the Central Valley Middle School – Volunteers needed.

### Programs: Youth Foundation

- The BCSCCL Youth Foundation is in the planning phase of adding an archery event to our annual rotation of youth events.
  - 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 will be needed (USA Archery Certified/BAI certified)
  - Eyeballing March 21<sup>st</sup> for execution (avoiding Easter Sunday and Palm Sunday)
  - Beaver Falls Sportsmen’s Association registered as an official USA Archery Explore Archery Club to host the USA Archery “Explore Archery” Curriculum
  - Riverside High School NASP team expressed interest in supporting the event with coaching support.
  - See attached planning document for reference.

### Programs: Operation Kid Shot

- Josh Wolfe began a local program this summer named Operation kids hot where he repurposes used archery equipment to provide kids for free.
  - This year, the program was able to provide a total of 17 children with a bow, their own custom arrows, quivers, release aids, and equipment professionally fitted to the child.
  - One child continues to take lessons on Sundays with the program; others continue to come to local 3D shoots.
  - The organization recently picked up a Fiscal Sponsor through Western PA Youth Outdoorsman

- We are looking for used bow and equipment donations to set up for children during next year's 3D season.
- If anyone is interested in Operation Kid Shot setting up at their 3D shoots next year, please let me know.

#### 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 – Black Bear
  - WMUs 2B, 5C, and 5D – 20 SEP 2025 – 28 NOV 2025
  - All WMUs – 18 OCT 2025 – 25 OCT 2025
- Archery Season – Whitetail
  - WMUs 2B, 5C, and 5D – 20 SEP 2025 – 28 NOV 2025
  - All WMUs – 4 OCT 2025 – 21 NOV 2025
  - Late Season Archery: 26 DEC 2025 – 19 JAN 2026

#### Club Archery Events

- All Sportsmen's Clubs interested in having their 2026 Archery events published to the county league in the Monthly Minutes and 2026 books, as well as PA Outdoor News newspaper and the United Bowhunters of Pennsylvania quarterly magazine please have your schedules to me no later than the December 2025 meeting for publishing in January (my contact info can be found at the end of this report)

#### State Archery Events

- Lancaster Archery Classic scheduled for January 22-25, 2026

Joshua A. Wolfe

[riganoutdoors@gmail.com](mailto:riganoutdoors@gmail.com)

724-833-0683

#### Events Coordinator – Amy Swartzlander

- Free Youth Pellet Shoot - open to all children under the age of 16  
Location - Hidden Valley Sportsman's Club - 268 Gilkey Rd, West Middlesex PA 16159  
Dates: 11/14 & 11/21

Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

more information call - 724-977-1682

- Dine In at Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser to support Scout Troops 248/9248  
Location: Texas Roadhouse in Robinson Township  
Date: Wednesday 11/12  
Time: 3pm - 10pm
- Welcome Home Rico Elmore Event - deployed for 5 months overseas with the Air Force Reserves  
Location - Sanctuary at 10th & 10th - 1001 10th Ave, New Brighton PA 15066  
Date: Friday 11/21  
Time: 6pm - 9pm  
RSVP to Amy Swartzlander by 11/18 - 724-513-9349
- Turkey Shoot  
Location: Hookstown American Legion - 1265 PA-168, Georgetown, PA 15043  
Date: 11/16 & 11/23  
Time: Doors open at 10am - 11am - shoots begin  
Food & Coffee Available - Prizes include cash or meat.
- \*Any club/group who wants their event posted on the BCSCCL Facebook page (youth events can be posted to the BCSCCL 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](mailto:ajswartzlander@gmail.com)

### **Legislative** – Craig Holdren – *absent*

Show the Commissioners You Care!

Thank you to the many patriots who came to the Commissioner's meeting on Wednesday. We saw the finest from Sheriff Guy, laying out a well-thought-out plan to implement the 287(g) program that fits well within the current mission and capabilities of his office. The program boils down to providing the booking officer at the detention center access to a federal law enforcement database that will give immigration status, similar to how they currently process outstanding wants and warrants for detainees. As you might imagine, the opposition could not provide any relevant criticism to this plan, and only stoked fears of racism and alleged closure of restaurants. The meeting carried on well over an hour, which the Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session.

Without a definitive stance from the Commissioners, we risk division within our County government, which is what Bucks County went through. As Sheriff Guy explained, the courts ruled that the Sheriff has the right and authority to enter into the 287(g) program, which eventually brought Bucks County back together. We are better together and I have prepared a letter and an email that you can send to the Commissioners to help them think clearly and strategically about the important matter of our community safety and security.

Send your [letter](#) or email TODAY! If you would rather call, **the number is 724-770-4400.**

Dan Camp

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## [FOAC membership](#)

### **Fundraising** – Guy Cable

- BRG 9 mm semi-auto Pistol donated by Tim R to raffle for Youth Foundation. Raffle ticket based on the 3-digit 7 pm PA lottery to go off on Christmas Day. 10 numbers on a ticket (\$10 a ticket).

### **Youth Mentored Hunts** – Rich Kerlin

#### Pheasant

- October 11, 2025
- 28 youth registered (26 in attendance for the hunt.)
  - 1 cancel & 1 no show, 22 male & 4 females
- 64 birds released (56 from the PA Game Commission & 8 extra birds purchased by the youth foundation)
- 16 Birds harvested (2 lost) during the hunt.
- Some youth stayed after the guided hunt was finished & picked up 4 more birds.
- 18 of the 28 youth hunters harvested birds.
- George Sullivan on sight cleaning birds. Thank you, George!
- We had lots of help! Thanks to all who were able to stop by and help in any way!
- All youth hunters received a BCSCCL booklet & ear plugs.
- Claudia Bender brought donuts, coffee & hot chocolate. Thank you, Claudia!
- Had support present on site of the PA Game Commission. Thank you, Matt, Mike & Madison!
- Need to purchase directional signs for next year.
- Field needs addressed as it is difficult for the birds to fly and difficult for the youth to navigate the fields due to overgrowth. Rick C talked about a possible burn plan in the works.

#### Goose

- October 25, 2025
- Held at Brady's Run Park.
- 10 kids.
- 3 blinds
- Thank you to all that helped!
- Approx. 85 geese in the water.
- 3 kids harvested a goose that day.
- Sheriff on-sight for the day.
- Adult hunts begin tomorrow morning. 5 days scheduled.
- A drawing was done due to the number of applicants.

**Youth hunts are NOT mentor hunts. All youth MUST have a “Junior Hunter License” for both pheasant and goose hunts.**

## **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)**

- 2026 President’s Meeting will be held at Northside Sportsmen’s Club on Monday, March 23, 2026.
- League Banquet to be held in 2027.

## **Big Knob Fair – Dick Bayer**

- No report.

## **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**

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

## **Unfinished Business**

- Get BCSCCL dues and an UPDATED credential sheet turned in ASAP for the year 2026.
- State Grant Application process should open January 1, 2026, and close in April.
- BCSCCL shirts & hats available.
- Sportsman / Outdoor County Wide Swap Meet still in the works.
- Hereford Manor Investment – Managed by Wildlife for Everyone Foundation.
  - We will receive statements. Reports of the dollar amounts will be given at each month’s meeting.
  - Any concerns or questions, please send them to Tonya. These questions / concerns will be gathered so answers can be brought to our future meetings.

## **New Business**

- none

## **Good of the Order**

- Beaver Falls “Kosmic Klays” Starting @ Dark. December 13, January 10, February 7, and March 7. \$20 registration fee. Presquading starts 2 weeks prior to date. Contact [president@bfsa.us](mailto: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
- NWTF Calendar ticket for 2026. Chance to win a gun every Wednesday. \$60 / calendar.
- PFSC is doing the Shaw Rifle at \$500 each. Promotion to join.
- Black Hawk Clay Team is having their “meet and greet” for youth trap shooting on Nov 16, 2025 & Dec 14, 2025 @ 6 pm at the Beaver Falls Sportsmen’s Association.

- Questions? Contact Ron Neff 724-630-0730

**50/50 Drawing**

- \$50 to the winner

**Motion to Adjourn**

- Northside / Koppel Big Beaver Passed. 8:52 pm

**NOTE: The December Meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.**

## **2025 Meeting Schedule**

*Date of Meeting, Club Name & Address*

December 11	Five Points	285 Bocktown-Cork Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001
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# 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 Rothhart 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 Road, 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 BCSCCL President's Meeting

*Date of Meeting, Club Name & Address*

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

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