



## BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

**April 2, 2026, Minutes**  
**Meeting Location – Beaver Valley Archers**



### MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Rick Caton	A	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	Northside	Jeff Knauss
	(Alt)	Jeff Fowler		(Alt)	Jim Stoker		(Alt)	Al Straub
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	A	Forest Grove	Mike Karkalla	A	NWTF 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance Toms	Jeff Ruckert
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Tim Hartzell		(Alt)	
A	Beaver Falls	Josh Wolfe	P	Green Valley	Mike Sabat	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Lee Heeter		(Alt)	Joe McMullen		(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
P	B.V. Archers	George Klinger	A	Hopewell VFW	Gary Grey	P	Rochester	Jerry Hooks
	(Alt)			(Alt)			(Alt)	Amy Swartzlander
A	B.V Rifle & Pistol		P	Koppel / Big Beaver	Lee Gower	A	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)	Lee Gower		(Alt)	Jerry Tillia		(Alt)	Laurie Bush
A	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	P	PFBC	Jeremy Allen
P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	North Boroughs	Patrick Miller			
	(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Robert Zeman	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**

- Thoughts and prayers to the families of Delbert Young, Danny Oakman, Rich Wall & Stanley Straub.

**Host Club Welcome** – Pete Vorderbrueggen, President of Beaver Valley Archers

### **Guests**

- None

### **Last month's minutes**

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

Motion to accept minutes as corrected for audit. Midland / WPAYO. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mark Benzio – see Mark for details.

- Checks written for President meeting mailings, NWTF Banquet table, Big Knob Fair booth, Insurance Bond, President meeting dinner.
- Deposit made consisting of camp fees (sponsorships) and club dues.
- 2026 Credential sheet. Click [here](#).
  - All dues paid for 2026.

Motion to accept for audit. Aliquippa / Pine Run. Passed.

**Elections**

- No report.

**Communications**

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](#)

**COMMISSION RELEASES DEER HARVEST ESTIMATES**

- Hunters harvested about 6% more deer in the 2025-26 hunting seasons than they did the year before.
- The statewide 2025-26 deer harvest was estimated at 505,600 deer, 185,310 of them antlered and 320,290 antlerless. By comparison, the statewide 2024-25 harvest was estimated at 476,880 deer.
- Antlered harvest was up about 9%, and the antlerless harvest was about 17% higher.
- WMU 1A: 10,000 (8,900) antlered, 15,800 (16,600) antlerless.  
WMU 2A: 8,400 (8,800) antlered, 13,600 (13,800) antlerless.  
WMU 2B: 9,000 (8,000) antlered, 15,000 (14,300) antlerless.

2026 SW Region H.T.E. Instructor Training Workshop for Beaver County is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 18, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm. Meeting will be held at Hopewell VFW – 138 Stone Quarry Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**The Hunter Ed class are listed below:**

May 30<sup>th</sup> Aliquippa Bucktails

August 8<sup>th</sup> Midland Sportsmen's

September 12<sup>th</sup> Aliquippa Bucktails

**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, Waterways Conservation Officer - [report](#)

Mentored Youth Day was this past Saturday. Pretty good turnout at Beaver County Stocked Trout Waters. Water conditions were not ideal on most waterways, but the youth did manage to catch some nice trout. The catch rates were fairly low for the youth. Harrisburg did have me doing surveys looking for feedback from the anglers.

Statewide opening day of trout season is this Saturday, April 4, 2026. All district Stocked Trout Waters are now stocked.

- 8 a.m. start time, 5 daily limit, must be 7 inches.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) invites the public to attend the annual spring Open House at the Linesville State Fish Hatchery. This fun and educational event will give visitors a chance to encounter firsthand how hatchery staff produce millions of Walleye and other fish for Pennsylvania waterways each year. Take part in the Walleye life cycle by viewing spawning demonstrations, sample delicious fish at our fish fry, and learn the best in filleting techniques. Come eye to eye with the fish in our viewing 10,000 gallon tank and make a fish print T-shirt to keep the memory of the day alive. **Saturday, April 11, 2026. 11:00 am – 3:30 pm.**

PFBC reminds Anglers and Boaters that Cold Weather Life Jacket Requirements remain in effect through April 30.

The Board voted to approve the publication of proposed rulemaking pertaining to Administrative Provisions (58 Pa. Code Chapter 51). In 2025, the Pennsylvania Fiscal Code was amended to permit the PFBC to use Fish Fund money for expenditures related to boats and boating that also benefit fish and fishing, and Boat Fund money for expenditures related to fish and fishing that also benefit boats and boating. Previously, no crossover of funds was permitted, leading to inefficiency and higher costs for anglers and boaters. Under this proposal, 58 Pa. Code Chapter 51 would be amended to memorialize the fund flexibility created by the amendment to the Fiscal Code. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

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

### **Affiliated Organizations**

**Conservation District** - Lindsey Shepler, Watershed Specialist / Environmental Educator – absent (report sent received via email.) - [report](#)

1. We were awarded 3 growing greener grants for 2026 for streambank stabilization projects within Beaver County. 2 for Raccoon Creek, and 1 for Brush Creek in Brush Creek Park. The total award amount for those 3 grants combined was \$248,862.00.
2. Our annual Envirothon was this past Wednesday April 1, 2026, and was held at Brady's Run Lodge. Spring break stopped a few schools from participating, but we still had 144 students from 5 school districts attend and compete! This year's winners were:
  - a. Jr. Envirothon
    - i. Soiled Trees – Central Valley – 1<sup>st</sup> place
    - ii. Enviro-Geeks – Ambridge – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
    - iii. RMS 1 – Riverside – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
    - iv. Flowering Dogwood – Beaver Falls – 4<sup>th</sup> place
    - v. Enviro-Maniacs – Ambridge – 5<sup>th</sup> place
  - b. Sr. Envirothon
    - i. King Crabs – Central Valley – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
    - ii. Brook Trout - Central Valley – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
    - iii. RHS #1 – Riverside – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
    - iv. Invasive Species – Central Valley – 4<sup>th</sup> Place
    - v. RHS #2 – Riverside – 5<sup>th</sup> Place
  - c. Central Valley's 'King Crabs' will be going on to compete in the state competition in May, we wish them the best of luck at states!
  - d. Follow our Facebook page to see the winners and pictures from the event posted soon. We are thankful to all the staff and volunteers who helped with this event, the sponsors who helped make it possible, and Senator Elder Vogel and his office as well as County Commissioner Jack Manning for their support and attendance of our event this year!
3. Our annual tire collection event will be held on May 2, 2026. See the attached flyer for details and information to register to bring tires. Spots are filling up FAST despite having a late grant award for this event.

4. We are trying out a new series this year called an “Ag Speaker Series” our first event was a pesticide credits workshop for local pesticide applicators/farmer to get their necessary continuing credits for the licenses. More events are in the works, more details will be shared on our social media pages in the coming weeks.
5. We hosted our annual Rain Barrel Workshop on Thursday March 19, 2026. We had over 60 people total in attendance for that event and provided free rain barrels to 45 households in Beaver County through a DEP mini grant we were awarded through our Watershed Specialist grant.
6. Some of our staff will be set up at Sahli Park in Chippewa on April 18<sup>th</sup> for the parks “Greenfest” if you are in the area, stop by and say hi to them there.
7. Larval treatment for our West Nile Virus program begins this week, full on trapping begins in May. Spring tick drags and testing will also begin this month. This is a reminder that ticks are out and about this spring despite the constant temperature changes. Make sure as you’re heading into the woods for hiking, scouting, shed hunting, dog training, turkey season, and more that you are conducting thorough tick checks on yourselves and your pets when you return from the woods, shower as immediately as possible when returning from outside, treat hunting clothes with permethrin and wear appropriate repellent to keep away ticks and mosquitoes.
8. On May 26, 2026, BCCD staff took our mobile education trailer to New Brighton’s elementary school STEAM Day event. We set it up as a mobile Ag education trailer as a trail run for a new idea to bring agricultural education to more schools in the county. We had around 500 kids that came by the trailer for this event.
9. Check out our annual report to see a recap of all our 2025 accomplishments. We are looking forward to an already busy 2026! [2025 Annual Report Final](#)

**BCSCL Youth Foundation** – Jeff Ruckert

- Youth Foundation website [www.bcsclfyf.com](http://www.bcsclfyf.com)
- Please consider joining in supporting the BCSCL Youth Foundation.
  - Sponsorship Applications available. Click [here](#).

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

Updates: We are merging with another Patriot Group Right 2 Liberty. They are an organized discussion group with monthly speakers, and a different subject focus each month. Our pamphlet will be mailed out soon to the elected officials.

Next Meeting Information: Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 630pm at the Rochester Hotel Restaurant – Speaker is Tony Guy running for Congress and John Costanza Running for State Representative

**Committee Reports**

**Audit Committee** – Mark Benzio

- No report.

**Booklet** – Tonya Cable

- Booklets to print.

**Game** – Lindsey Shepler – *absent*.

- No report.

**Pollution** – John Davidson

We may be losing Montour Run as a stocked trout stream due to contamination from PFAS chemicals. These are manmade compounds not occurring naturally and cannot be broken down thus considered forever

chemicals. When they are ingested by drinking the water or eating fish that live in the water they bio-accumulate in our organs.

Three Rivers Waterkeepers, an environmental group, sampled Montour Run and a tributary, McClaren Run, for PAS chemicals found 134 ppt (parts per trillion) and 400 ppt, respectively. The source of the contamination being the Pittsburgh Airport and the Air Force base. PFAS chemicals were used in fire fighting foams and de-icing. The airport stopped using the PFAS foams about 2 years ago, but a lot of contaminated soil remains.

At this time 4 – 8 parts per trillion is considered allowable, Wisconsin set a limit of 8 ppt for fish consumption. Now that the PA DEP is aware of the contamination, they will no doubt be sampling resident fish flesh i.e., bass, catfish, and carp.

They will likely find PFAS chemicals well above acceptable levels. Which will then cause the PA Fish and Boat Commission to remove Montour Run from the stocking list.

The stream has been stocked for this season and there should be little concern for consumption of these fish since they spent little time in the water (not long enough for bio accumulation of PFAS chemicals).

There appears to be some hold over trout with fish still being caught in December and these fish would have time to bio-accumulate PFAS chemicals.

Discussion on proposal to put in a concrete batch plant above Montgomery Dam. This area is quite a habitat for wildlife.

- A letter was sent out representing the league requesting that a hearing be held for clubs, organizations, and individuals to attend and speak concerns and / or have questions answered. March 21<sup>st</sup> was the deadline to request the hearing.
  - If you have anything to report on pollution, please reach out to Rich Kerlin.
    - Rich Kerlin at [kerlinkanine@aol.com](mailto:kerlinkanine@aol.com) or 724-601-6974

#### **Fishing Derby** – Mark Crevar – *absent*

- May 2, 2026
- Posters are out! Click [here](#).
- Age is 15 years younger.
- Come out and volunteer for the day. Volunteers be there by 6 am. Registration starts at 6:30 am. Fishing will be 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
- Need 50/50 raffle ticket sellers.
- Looking for any club donations for the event. (Accepting any fishing related prizes for the kids.)
  - Bring donations to the derby.

#### **Fish Committee** – Mark Crevar

- Still fishing Bradys Run & Raccoon (catch and release).

<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
- Camp week is June 21 – June 27, 2026.
- Staff check in on Friday, June 19, 2026.
- Counselors check in on Saturday, June 20, 2026.
- Camp Poster. Click [here](#).

- Camper (age 13-15) Application. Click [here](#).
- Counselor (age 16-20) application. Click [here](#).
- Applications to date are 11 campers & 6 counselors.
- We have 49 volunteer sponsors to date (11 have already paid). THANK YOU for your generosity!
  - **We need campers! PLEASE pass the word and help us fill the camper sponsorships.**
- Camp account report. (Ask Tonya for details.)
- CPR & Basic First Aid will be held for counselors & staff on Saturday prior to camp.
- Meetings scheduled at Aliquippa Bucktails
  - Staff / Counselor Meeting – April 12 & April 26 (6:00 pm – 8:00pm)
  - Camper / Parent Meeting – May 17 (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm)
  - HTE Class – May 30, 2026, class, register on-online at pgc. [3/30/26 HTE Course](#)
- If you no anyone willing to donate anything to the camp, please let me know. [Donation Letter](#)
- Background check links.
  - 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)
- Amy and I continue working on camp schedule confirmations, FRYE bus transportation & ordering of supplies.
- THANK YOU to all of you who help make camp possible!!!!

**Archery – Josh Wolfe – [report](#)**

Youth Archery opportunities were presented to sportsmen’s clubs across the region at the BCSCCL President’s Meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. A copy of that slide show can be found in the President’s Meeting Minutes. [Slideshow](#)

**National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)**

- PA State NASP Tournament was hosted on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, in Manheim, PA. Beaver County had a great showing of Archers to represent Western PA.

Middle School Division

- Central Valley Middle School took 4<sup>th</sup> place across the State
- Riverside Middle School took 6<sup>th</sup> place overall across the State.
  - Both qualified for National Team Tournament

High School Division

- Central Valley High School took 5<sup>th</sup> Place across the State
- Riverside High School took 14<sup>th</sup> place across the state.
  - Both Qualified for Nationals

- Central Valley, Beaver, and Riverside school districts had multiple individuals place in the State.

**Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD)**

- Falcon Archers (Cecil-Bishop, PA) hosted the Western PA JOAD Archer of the Year tournament on March 14-15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Two sportsmen’s clubs in BCSCCL were represented in the tournament: North Side Sportsmen’s Association and Beaver Valley Archers.
  - The following Individuals won their respective class as Archer of the Year for 2026:

Class	Division	Archer	Club
Recurve	Female U18/21	Danielle Choi	NSSA
Fixed Pin	Male U10/13/15	Logan Hellman	NSSA
Fixed Pin	Female U18/21	Elizabeth Franklin	NSSA
Compound	Female U18/21	Mayadevi Maharajan	BVA

### Scholastic 3D Archery (S3DA)

- Proposed S3DA league at BCSCS President's meeting; six sportsmen's clubs showed interest.
- Spoke with Bob Lauffer (started S3DA in PA) and set up a meeting with the president of the S3DA Regional Coordinator; S3DA willing to come to our region to train all interested; offered 1,000 dollar grants (lumped into one sum for the youth foundation to distribute) for each club interested to get them started.
- Expect a follow up from the presidents' meeting with sportsmen's clubs to determine range capabilities of each interested club and to identify two potential coaching candidates; S3DA willing to certify Josh Wolfe as a regional trainer to continue to give coaching certifications.
- Currently seeking club interest in hosting an S3DA Archery team to begin a Beaver County (and surrounding area) S3DA youth league. USA Archery/JOAD coaching certification is transferable. For more information, reach out to Joshua Wolfe at 724-833-0683 or visit the S3DA website at <https://www.s3da.net/>.
  - Goal is for an S3DA Summer league that coincides with club 3D seasons.
    - Interest shown from Beaver Falls, Ambridge, Five Points, Moon, NSSA, Rochester, and Beaver Valley Archers

### 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>.

### S3DA

- More to follow after discussion with Bob and the regional president.

### Club Archery Events

- Green Valley Sportsman's Club

- Second and Fourth Saturdays from January through May 2026; Youth Archery Lessons open for all children ages 6 and older.
- Five Points Hunt Club
  - April 12<sup>th</sup> – 3D Shoot; Year Long Ping-Pong shot that benefits the Hunt of a Lifetime
  - Hunt of a Lifetime 3D Shoot scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Beaver Falls Sportsman’s Association
  - April 26<sup>th</sup> – 3D Archery Challenge (TAC style shoot with insane novelty shots for prizes)
- Beaver Valley Archers
  - April 12<sup>th</sup> – 3D Shoot
  - George Osman Shoot scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Ambridge Sportsmen’s Club (ADSA)
  - April 26<sup>th</sup> – 3D Shoot

State and Local Archery Events

- PSAA Hosts multiple state tournaments (June 2026, July 2026)
- 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)
- Raised at Full Draw: Youth Camp – Pittsburgh scheduled for June 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in Finleyville, PA

Joshua A. Wolfe  
[riganoutdoors@gmail.com](mailto:riganoutdoors@gmail.com)  
 724-833-0683

**Beaver County at Full Draw: Archery Event**

The youth foundation hosted their first Youth Archery event on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, which saw approximately 70 participants and their families. The event was a resounding success, and a full report is available upon request until published following the next Youth Foundation meeting.

**Events Coordinator** – Amy Swartzlander

Event Name: Kid’s Fishing Day  
 Location: East Palestine Park Pond at Community Park  
 Date: 4/4/26  
 Time: 8am – 12pm  
 Other Information: None

Event Name: Musky Lure Swap  
 Location: Field & Stream – 198 Hill Rd Freeport PA 16229  
 Date: Saturday 4/11/26  
 Time: 12pm – 4pm  
 Other Information: Buy, Sell, Trade – Food & Drinks

Event Name: Pew Pew & Money Bash  
 Location: New Beaver Fire Hall VFD – 898 Wampum New Galilee Rd New Galilee, PA 16141  
 Date: Saturday 4/25/26  
 Time: 2pm – 8pm  
 Other Information: \$40 Ticket

Event Name: Rico Elmore for County Commissioner Golf Outing  
 Location: Black Hawk Golf Course - 644 Blackhawk Rd Rt 251 W, Beaver Falls, PA 15010  
 Date: Saturday 8/8/26  
 Time: Registration 12pm – 2pm – Golf/Event 2pm - 7pm  
 Other Information: Golf, Snacks, Dinner (included)

Event Name: Sportsman's Bash

Location: Hookstown American Legion Post #952 – 1265 State Rte. 168 Georgetown PA 15043

Date: Saturday 11/7/26

Time: Doors Open 4pm Bash Starts at 5pm

Other Information: \$40 Ticket includes dinner and refreshments.

\*Any club/group who wants their event posted on our BCSCCL website calendar, or 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)

- Waiting for Frank to work with Amy & Tonya on getting the website moved so Amy can assist with the updates.

### **Legislative** – Craig Holdren & Jim Stoker – *absent*

Discussion on proposed Bills:

- HB 7567 Farm Food and Natural Security Act of 2026
  - o Amendment added regarding greyhound racing that will impact hunting dog activity.
  - o Contact your Senator.
- SB1247 Making it Mandatory by Law for the Game Commission to make deer hunting open season Monday after Thanksgiving.
  - o HB70 & HB 1659 both deal with opening day.

2026 FOAC-ILLEA – click [here](#).

2026 2A PA Industry Membership – click [here](#).

Spring 2026 BASH – click [here](#).

### **Fundraising** – Guy Cable

- Raffle ticket: Walther PDP Two Tone 9mm 4" Compact with 1,000 rounds of Winchester FMJ ammunition. Winner based on first 7 PM 3-digit PA Lottery drawn on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Proceeds benefit BCSCCLYF. \$10 / ticket. See Guy for tickets.
- Next gun raffle will be the gun from the NWTF banquet.
- Annual BCSCCL Youth Foundation Annual Sporting Clay Shoot to be held Saturday, August 29, 2026.

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

Pheasant

- No report.

Goose

- No report.

### **Youth Field Day** – Amy Swartzlander

- July 18, 2026
- Midland Sportsmen's Club
- 7:30 am – 4:30 pm. Check in begins at 6:30 am
- Registration will be on-line.
- Youth Field Day poster. Click [here](#).
- Confirming station leads.
- Seeking donations for the raffle table.
- 93 signed up at present time.
- Port-o-jons confirmed.
- Project Appleseed confirmed.
- Ohionville medics confirmed.

### **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.

- It was a successful meeting with great feedback. See President's Meeting. Click [here](#).
- Shared Insurance contact for Club Insurance.
  - Secura Insurance Companies
- Moving on to the Awards Banquet for next year.
  - Committee volunteers: Tonya C., Amy S., John D., Rich K., Dick B. (Would like Jerry H. and others to join the committee.)
  - Discussion on possible awards to be presented at the banquet. We will be looking for nominations.
  - Need to begin planning location, raffles, table guns, invitations, nominations, etc.
  - Looking to hold it in March 2027.

### **Big Knob Fair – Dick Bayer**

- The booth is paid.
- Discussion on the league purchasing a “Henry 360 Buckhammer” brand new still in the box (\$1,000 value) from Dick for \$500 to use for the fair gun if some ammo and gun case be purchased by clubs.
  - Motion to make this purchase. Pine Run / Kopple Big Beaver. Passed.
- EZ up (commercial grade) 10' x 10' and table cover with the League & Youth Foundation Logo.
  - Motion to spend up to \$1500 to purchase the EZ up and table cover. Question / discussion on the motion. If the table cover cannot be split with BCSC & YF, maybe get the League table cover and let the youth foundation purchase a separate table cover.
    - Aliquippa / WPAYO. 11 yes, 0 opposed. 1 abstain.
- Will be mailing in the fair booth application and payment.

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

- Best Management Practice website at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/best-management-practices-lead-outdoor-shooting-ranges>
- Law firms in Pittsburgh are getting involved so clubs MUST make a BEST MANAGEMENT Practice & KEEP your Records!

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

Aliquippa Bucktails will be hosting these NRA Firearms Training [Courses](#)

NRA Personal Protection in the Home on April 25, 2026

**NRA Personal Protection in the Home course** (Intermediate Pistol Course) teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to the safe and efficient use of a handgun for protection of self and family, and to provide information on the law-abiding individual's right to self-defense. This is an eight-hour course. Students should expect to shoot approximately 100 rounds of ammunition. Students will learn basic defensive shooting skills, strategies for home safety and responding to a violent confrontation, firearms, and the law, how to choose a handgun for self-defense, and continued opportunities for skill development. Proof of shooting experience can be one of the following: NRA Basic Pistol Course Certificate, NRA FIRST Steps Course Certificate, NRA pistol competitive shooting qualification card, Law Enforcement pistol qualification, or military DD 214 with pistol qualification. Cost of course is \$100.00 to register go to:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=912253&seats=12&State=y&SearchState=PA&id=14&bsa=&youth=&women=>

For question, please contact Rich Kerlin NRA Training Coordinator at 724-601-6974 or [kerlinkanine@aol.com](mailto:kerlinkanine@aol.com)

- Concealed Carry Seminar on April 9, 2026

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

### **Unfinished Business**

- Hereford Manor: Franklin Township Informational Meeting – [Video](#).
- Tony Rich Scholarship Award now includes 3.0 GPA and Trade School. Click [here](#). **Please distribute!**
- Sportsman / Outdoor County Wide Swap Meet still in the works.
- PA Game Commission Shooting Range Improvement Grant **Deadline is May 8, 2026.**
  - Apply now! Click [Here](#).

- Go through your local state representative for support through the application process.
- Winners to be selected July 1, 2026.

### New Business

- None

### Good of the Order

- Green Valley – Youth Archery January – May 2026 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays beginning at 6 pm. Click [here](#) for details.
- Raccoon Fire Department Gun Bash May 2, 2026.
- Beaver Falls Sportsmen’s Association Swap meet April 11, 2026.
- Youth Trout Derby at Ellwood Wampum Rod & Gun Club April 11, 2026.
- Ambridge Youth Fishing Derby shared on Facebook.
- NWTF Banquet 4/18/2026 [Poster](#)
- Ambridge Springfest Cash Bash \$50 / ticket. Saturday. May 16, 2026.
- WPAYO 3-month Calendar ticket. \$60. See Ron N. or Josh W.
- Aliquippa Bucktails Young Bucks tickets. May 22, 2026. \$10 / ticket. See Rich K.
- Asked about purchasing more green shirts.
- BCSCCL 3D Archery Schedule [Here](#)

### 50/50 Drawing

- None

### Motion to Adjourn

- Ambridge / WPAYO Passed. 8:50 pm

#### 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 BCSCCL President’s Meeting

March 23, 2026	North Side Sportsmen’s Association	325 Mount Pleasant Road, Warrendale, PA 15086
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