



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

October 1, 2026, Minutes
Meeting Location – Ambridge District Sportsmen's Assoc.



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Rick Caton	A	FOAC	Craig Holdren	P	Northside	Jeff Knauss
	(Alt)	Jeff Fowler		(Alt)	Jim Stoker		(Alt)	Al Straub
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	A	Forest Grove	Mike Karkalla	A	NWTF 2 nd 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
A	B.V. Archers	George Klinger	A	Hopewell VFW	Gary Grey	P	Rochester	Jerry Hooks
	(Alt)			(Alt)			(Alt)	Amy Swartzlander
P	B.V Rifle & Pistol	Darlene Muntean	P	Koppel / Big Beaver	Lee Gower	A	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)	Lee Gower		(Alt)	Jerry Tillia		(Alt)	Laurie Bush
P	Conway	Ray Eppinger	A	Marion Hill	Daniel Freed	A	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	A	North Boroughs	Patrick Miller			
	(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Robert Zeman	P	PGC	Mike Yeck

OFFICERS

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

*Jim Farland covering for Secretary. Thank You, Jim!

Call to Order – 7:00 pm

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

Host Club Welcome – Ray Eppinger, Conway Sportsmen's Club Delegate

Guests

- None

Last month's minutes

Motion to accept minutes as printed for audit. Aliquippa / Rochester. Passed.

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

- Reports will be printed quarterly for delegates.

Motion to accept report for audit. Five Points / Green Valley. Passed.

Elections

- Rich Kerlin re-elected as President.
- Mark Benzio was re-elected as Treasurer.

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](#)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Changes to Antlerless Deer License Process
 - Removed the sales schedule from regulation and allows the Commission to establish a sales structure each year that best meets the needs of hunters and reflects the number of licenses available.
 - Will continue to establish antlerless license allocations annually for each WMU based on the deer management plan objectives for each WMU.

STATEWIDE ARCHERY DEER SEASON BEGINS SATURDAY

- Opens on Oct. 3, 2026, and runs through Nov. 20, 2026, including Sundays.

NEW CWD REGULATIONS

- Hunters are no longer prohibited from transporting harvested deer – including high-risk deer parts – between any two locations. Instead, hunters statewide are required to dispose of high-risk deer parts through a commercial trash service.
- High-risk parts may be left on the landscape at the site of the harvest. If the carcass is moved, high-risk parts go in the trash.
- The regulatory prohibition on the use of cervid urine-based attractants in any outdoor setting has also been removed.

NEW MAPPING CENTER

- Recently revamped the Mapping Center, which serves as an interactive supplement to the Hunting & Trapping Digest, with several exciting improvements, including a cleaner mobile-friendly interface; faster access to maps and information; live data from authoritative agency sources; improved search, navigation, and overall performance.

For Hunter Trapper Education classes:

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

Get your Hunter Trapper Educations scheduled for your club!

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 – *absent*.

- No report.

PA Fish and Boat Commission

Affiliated Organizations

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

- None

BCSCL Youth Foundation – Jeff Ruckert

- Youth Foundation website www.bcsclfyf.com
- New post office box for Youth Foundation: P.O. Box 1262, Aliquippa, PA 15001
- Elections in October.
- Next Meeting, Thursday, October 15, 2026.
- Annual Sporting Clay Shoot Fundraising Event held at Rochester on Saturday, August 29, 2026
 - 88 shooters
 - Raised \$6,000 for Youth Foundation

We The People of America – Jerry Hooks

- Updates: Next meetup with Right 2 Liberty is Tuesday 10/14 at 6:30pm at Rochester Hotel Restaurant.
 - Next Meeting Information: Tony Guy, John Costanza and Roman Kozak will be speaking

Committee Reports

Audit Committee – Mark Benzio

- Dan L., Mark C., Craig H., and Jerry W. to arrange a meeting to audit the “League” account & the “Camp” account.
 - It should be completed in November.

Booklet – Tonya Cable – *absent*.

- No report.

Game – Lindsey Shepler – *absent*.

- No report.

Pollution – *Vacant*

- No report.

Fishing Derby – Mark Crevar – *absent*.

- Fishing Derby Date will be Saturday, April 17, 2027.
- Fish to be delivered April 13, 2027.

Fish Committee – Mark Crevar – *absent*.

Neshannock Creek Fly Shop – stream conditions.

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

Lake Erie Fishing:

<https://www.fisherie.com>

Conservation Camp – Tonya Cable – *absent*.

- No report.

Archery – Josh Wolfe – *absent*.

- No report.

Beaver County at Full Draw: Archery Event – Josh Wolfe – *absent*.

- No report.

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

- Event Name: Raccoon Creek State Park Fall Foliage Walk
Location: Wildflower Interpretive center
Date: Saturday 10/3
Time: 9am – 10:30am
Other Information: FREE - 1 Mile Walk to appreciate Fall colors and learn the science behind the foliage changes
- Event Name: Halloween Night Hike
Location: Rec Hall on Cabin Rd by Cabin Colony – Raccoon Creek State Park
Date: Saturday 10/10
Time: 7pm – 8:30pm
Other Information: 1 Mile Night Hike – bring a flashlight
- Event Name: The Secret Life of Squirrels
Location: Will be emailed to registered attendees
Date: Thursday 10/22
Time: 5pm – 6pm
Other Information: Register at https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/raccoon_creek_state_park
- Event Name: Project Appleseed Pistol Clinic
Location: Beaver Valley Rifle & Pistol Club
Date: Saturday 10/17 – Sunday 10/18
Time: 8am – 5pm
Other Information: FREE Event – Registration - https://goappleseednow.org/?event=beaver-falls-pa-pistol-clinic-october-17-18-2026&fbclid=IwY2xjawUvuPxleHRuA2FibQIxMABwZG9mBWJyaWQRMVZmcHBGYzRoTXhMUU5UZkRzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzcxNzg4MjAwODkyAAE7fp5y41F8vxzgUP9pdetoBt50D9JyACyVbH7lwj-uWdzGL1d5-nHMD7x6-A_aem_TwYvBZYsteX78p7j8jwXNA
- Event Name: Youth Pheasant Hunt
Location: McDonald's Sportsmen's Foundation
Date: Saturday 10/17
Time: 8am – 4pm
Other Information: Free for youth ages 12 – 16, trained dogs and handlers, lunch provided after hunt

- Event Name: ATA Trap Shoots
Location: Millvale Sportsman's Club – 170 Sunny Hill Rd Wexford PA 15090
Date: 10/25, 11/22, 12/27, 1/17, 2/14, 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/25
Time: 9am – 11am
Other Information: \$32 for 100 birds
- Event Name: Gun Bash
Location: Crescent Twp Volunteer Fire Dept 225 Spring Run Road Crescent Township, PA 15046
Date: 11/7
Time: Doors Open at 12pm
Other Information: \$40 – Food and drinks included – 2 Numbers per ticket – contact Crescent VFD for tickets 724-457-8100
- *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

Legislative – Craig Holdren – *absent*.

- Voter's Guide – click [here](#).
- Industry Membership – click [here](#).

The upcoming election November 3, 2026 is extremely important because if we lose two seats in the Senate, we will be in the same position as Virginia.

Some clubs are starting to realize they need to get involved, more need to do so or we lose our 2nd Amendment Rights and remember the 2nd Amendment Right is to protect the right of the people to keep and bear Arms. "One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors" – Plato

There are over a Half Million Pennsylvania hunters and gun owners we know of who are not registered to vote according to Vote4America who collected data in 2024. If all those Half Million hunters and gun owners were registered to VOTE and Voted to support the 2nd Amendment and Article I Section 21 and U.S. Constitution and Pennsylvania Constitution; we would not have all the Anti- Firearm laws being propose. Please get involved with your clubs, family & friends and make sure they VOTE by mail in ballot or get out and VOTE in person, to support The Constitution and the 2nd Amendment. The PDF 2026 FOAC-ILLEA attached is a Beaver County Voters Guide for the other Counties Voters Guides you can subscribe to legislation listings on new website www.2apa.org

House Bill 2244 would impose broad firearm storage requirements on law-abiding gun owners, creating criminal liability for failing to store firearms in a prescribed manner. This legislation mandates a one-size-fits-all approach that does not account for individual circumstances, potentially exposing an otherwise law-abiding gun owner to criminal liability. The government of this Commonwealth has NO PLACE in mandating how law-abiding gun owners secure their firearms in their homes, automobiles, or on their persons. This is yet another effort to infringe upon the civil rights of every resident of Pennsylvania! However, representatives from the Democrat party who dominate the judiciary committee continue to push for government oversight of how we exercise our Article I, Section 21 right in PA! SHALL NOT BE QUESTIONED.

As of September 30th, 2026, there are 73 Anti-Gun bills between the Pennsylvania House and Senate. Pennsylvania is only two Senate seats away from disaster. And yet gun owners and hunters still think "that can't happen here".... If we lose that margin in the Senate, the Lieutenant Governor will have no problem if needed to sign off on all 73 Anti-Gun bills in January as soon as all the new anti-gun seats are sworn in.

Elections Have Consequence's so "VOTE" and protect the Constitution and your 2nd Amendment Rights!

2026 FOAC-ILLEA – click [here](#).

Fundraising – Guy Cable – *absent*.

- NWTF table gun raffle (Savage Axis XP Chambered in .22-250) Includes Viridian 3x9x40 Scope, Black matte barrel, Black Synthetic Stock, Removable Magazine based on the 7 pm PA 3-digit lottery on 12/25/26 (CHRISTMAS DAY). \$10 / ticket (10 numbers on a ticket). See Guy for tickets.

Youth Mentored Hunts – Rich Kerlin

Pheasant

- October 10, 2026.
- Raccoon Creek State Park – Nichol Doak Field along PA 168.
- Will have 2 groups.
 - Group A 7:30 am
 - Group B 9:00 am
- Helpers show up at 7:00 am

Goose

- Not this year.

Youth Field Day – Amy Swartzlander

- No report.

Banquet – Rich K

- Date of BCSCS Awards Banquet will be February 27, 2027
 - Location: Monaca Turners.
- Tickets to be available soon.
- Invitations being made.
- Nominations deadline December 31, 2026.
 - Get nominations turned into John Davidson.

Next Committee meeting scheduled for October 15, 2026, at Aliquippa Bucktails beginning at 6 pm BEFORE the Youth Foundation Meeting.

- All are welcome to attend the committee meeting.

Big Knob Fair – Dick Bayer

- No report.

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

- NRA Basic Pistol Class – Sponsored by Pine Run Sportsmen's Club. \$95 / student. September 13 & 20, 2026. 1:00 to 6:00. Call 724.494.3349 for Reservations. click [here](#)
- Refuse to Be a Victim class in Nov & Basic Pistol in Jan - Mar. (more information to come next month)
- BVRP has classes. Check their website.

Contact Rich Kerlin with opportunities for firearms training. kerlinkanine@aol.com

Unfinished Business

- Hereford Manor – Jerry attended meetings and is working through the transfer of funds in the Wildlife Forever Endowment Fund.

- This Herford Manor land can be used for BCSCCL & Youth Foundation events.

New Business

- 2027 BCSCCL Meeting Schedule. Click [here](#).
- 2027 BCSCCL Credential Sheet. Click [here](#).
 - Turn in Credential Sheet & Due either at a meeting in person or through the mail by end of year.
- BCSCCL Green League shirts (limited in sizes) & Orange hats available for purchase.

Good of the Order

- Dan L. presented framed photos for Hunt of a Lifetime appreciation for donations from BCSCCL & YF.
- FOAC-ILLEA Concealed Carry Seminar on 10/24/26 at ADSA. Click [here](#) for details.
- Midland Gun Bash. See Mark B. for tickets.
- BVRPC (505 Constitution Blvd, Beaver Falls, PA, 15010) www.bvrpc.org
 - NRA First Shots Intro to shooting October 16, 2026. 5 – 8 pm.
 - NRA First Steps Pistol Orientation November 21, 2026. 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
 - “3-gun match” October 31 – day match.
- BVRP Events. Click [here](#).

50/50 Drawing

- None.

Motion to Adjourn

- Green Valley / Northside Passed. 8:58 pm
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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 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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Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSCCL

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