



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



October 3, 2024, Minutes
Meeting Location – Conway Sportsmen's Club

MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	A	N. Boroughs	Robert Zeman
	(Alt)	Rick Caton		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Dave Herko
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	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	North Side	Al Straub
	(Alt)	Frank Eder		(Alt)	Tim Hartzell		(Alt)	Jason Hominsky
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	A	Green Valley	Mike Sabat	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	John Suroweic		(Alt)	Joe McMullen		(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
P	B.V Rifle & Pistol	Rich Wall	P	Hopewell VFW	Gary Grey	A	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(Alt)	Lee Gower		(Alt)	Sue Tranter		(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
P	Conway	Ray Eppinger	A	Marion Hill	Daniel Freed	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Keith Radcliff		(Alt)	Laurie Bush
P	Ellwood Rod & Gun	Tim Kelly	P	Midland	Jerry Wamsley			
	(Alt)	Dick Bayer		(Alt)	Mark Benzio	P	PFBC	Jeremy Allen
						P	PGC	Mike Yeck

OFFICERS

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P	President	A	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 – Bill Frishkorn, President of Conway Sportsmen's Club

Guests

- Rachael Scott. With Jeff Ruckert and volunteered help at Conservation Camp.
- Jim Stoker, President of FOAC, ILLEA

Last month's minutes

- Motion to accept for audit. BVA / Conway. Passed.

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

- \$200 Donation made for the Austin Miller Memorial Day Shoot
- \$200 Donation made for the South Fayette Handicap Shoot
- Deposit made for Irons Memorial Donation and Fair proceeds.

Motion to accept for audit. 5 Points / BVRP. Passed.

Elections

- Opened the floor for nominations for President (verbalized 3 times)
 - No additional nominations for president.
- Opened nominations for Treasurer (verbalized 3 times)
 - No additional nominations for treasurer.
 - Nominations closed. Pine Run / Ellwood Wampum. Passed
- Nominations: Rich Kerlin for President & Mark Benzio for Treasurer.
 - Secretary cast one vote for Rich Kerlin for President & one vote for Mark Benzio for Treasurer.

Communications

- None
 - ALL League correspondence to the Post Office Box address listed below.
 - BCSCCL – PO Box 276, Beaver, PA 15009

State Agencies

PA Game Commission (PGC) – Mike Yeck – [Report](#)

www.pgc.pa.gov

ARCHERY DEER SEASON

- WMU 2B archery season began on Sept. 21 and runs through Nov. 29, including two Sundays, Nov. 17 and 24. The statewide archery season kicks off on Oct. 5 and includes one Sunday, Nov. 17, before ending on Nov. 22.

STATE GAME LANDS TOURS ABOUT TO GET ROLLING

- Sunday, Oct. 6 - SGL 311, Elk County
- Sunday, Oct. 13 – SGL 108, Cambria County
- Sunday, Oct. 20 – SGL 51, Fayette County

NEW PA SPORTSMAN LICENSE PLATE UNVEILED

- Available now through PennDOT and is adorned with artwork featuring iconic Pennsylvania hunting, fishing, and boating imagery including the white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, and anglers fishing from a kayak on a scenic river. The license plate costs \$40 plus the registration fee, of which \$14 will be deposited into a Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account to be allocated evenly to the PGC and PFBC for the purpose of promoting youth hunting and fishing activities.
- To purchase a PA Sportsman specialty license plate, visit the PennDOT website, choose Special Fund, and select the PA Sportsman option.

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Pennsylvania Game Commission | Northern Beaver County
4820 Route 711 | Bolivar, PA 15923
Phone: 1-833-PGC-HUNT | Fax: 724.238.5127
www.pgc.pa.gov

[PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

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

Beaver County Stockings:

Trout: Raccoon Lake – October 1, 2024, was stocked and Brady's Run Lake will be stocked November 13, 2024

Warm Water

- Ohio River – Beaver County – Hybrid Striped Bass – Musky – Blue Catfish – Mont. Dam Dashields Dam
- Tiger Musky – Mouth of the Connoquenwssing and Beaver River, and mouth of Beaver and Ohio River
- Brady's Run Lake – Channel Catfish
- Raccoon Lake - Walleye

2024-25 WCO Cadet class update. Started in July and are now training at the Police Academy. Field training in the spring and graduating in the summer of 2025.

Steelhead are entering the steams in Erie. Conditions are low & clear, Walnut Creek has good number, and they are biting. Spoons and salmon eggs

Boating season is starting to wrap up. Folks are pulling their boats off the rivers.

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PA Fish and Boat Commission

Affiliated Organizations

Conservation District

Lindsey Shepler, Watershed Specialist / Environmental Educator – [BCCD Newsletter pdf](#)
Report provided.

Digital link through our website to use for the meeting minute.

https://www.beavercountyconservationdistrict.org/_files/ugd/1d3493_47586427c7d44a739cb6e4af3583d111.pdf

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BCSCL Youth Foundation – Jeff Ruckert

- BRAND NEW website for the Youth Foundation. Check it out! www.bcsclfy.com
- Transferred all banking to West Air Comm
- Applied for Friends of NRA grant for 2025 Youth Activities.
- A donation for \$200 was made to the Austin Miller Memorial Shoot.
- Next meeting Thursday, October 17, 2024 @ 7 pm at Aliquippa Bucktails

We The People of America – Jerry Hooks - absent

- Roughly 154 in attendance
- Some attendees registered to vote.
- Some received concealed carry permits.
- We battled the element of rain but still was successful.
- Nice to see the sportsmen clubs represented.

Committee Reports

Audit Committee – Mark Benzio

- Audit Committee: Dan Losco, Mark Crevar & Craig Holdren
 - These 3 gentlemen will get together with Mark to perform an audit of the BCSCCL financials.
- Audit Results to come next month.

Booklet – Rob Smith / Mark Crevar

Contact info (724) 407- 3945 or rasmith10@comcast.net

- Read your club bio and get all updated info turned in ASAP.

Game – Mike Harcher – *absent*.

- No report

Pollution – Mike Harcher – *absent*

- No report

Fishing Derby – Mike Zon – *absent*

- No report

Fish Committee – Mark Crevar

Local fish report:

Fishing is changing this time of year with cooler temps, but the fish are taking baits and can be very productive as the fish prepare for the winter months. Pay attention to bait fish migrations, creeks flowing into rivers, large water where temps are more stable, slow your reel speed and offer bigger bait.

State record this year in Ohio for hybrid striper 18.32 lbs. 31.75 inches, 24.5 girth. Previous 17.68 lbs., 31 inches.

Neshannock Creek Fly Shop – Stream Conditions <https://ncflyshop.com/pages/stream-reports>

Lake Erie Fishing:

The Steelhead fishermen are lining up on the shoreline by Elk and Walnut Creek. When the lake is calm the fishing can be pretty good. The rain will help the streams water level to rise some for a run, although aggressive fish will still move in lower water levels. They seem to be piling up in some holes north of Route 5. Anglers have been using single eggs, egg sacks, spoons and spinners which are taking most of the fish. As the water temps start to cool off it will trigger fish to migrate. Shore anglers are still catching some fish concentrating near creek mouths and channels in the bay.

<https://www.fisherie.com/fishing-reports>

Conservation Camp – Tonya Cable

- Will reserve Group Camp for June 2025 camp sometime in December. Initial Planning meeting with be arranged for some time in January.

Archery – Walt Ketterer

- Beaver Valley Archers hosting a Medieval Group on Saturday morning.
- Lawrence County Game Commission built and archery range in Lawrence County on Game Farm Road in State Game Lands 216.
- Beaver Falls started night shoots.

Events Coordinator – Craig Holdren

- BCSCSCL website under construction.
- **Email** club information that you want shared on the website to Craig, Frank & Tonya
 - Directions for submitting information for the BCSCSCL website – [see here](#)
 - Craig - contact at Ch316@comcast.net
 - Frank - contact at frankkelly51@outlook.com
 - Tonya - contact at gtcttc@yahoo.com
- The calendar is now all on the Google calendar that is on the website.
 - Continue to get the information to us so it can be added to the calendar.
 - Notify us if things on the Google Calendar are incorrect.

Legislative – Craig Holdren

Dear 2nd Amendment Supporter,



For Immediate Release
October 2, 2024

FOAC-ILLEA Secures Major Legal Victory Against City of Harrisburg

Pittsburgh, PA – Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal Legislative and Education Action (FOAC-ILLEA) secured a major victory against The City of Harrisburg with a decision issued by Judge Andrew H. Dowling that enjoined the city's enforcement of several ordinances that unlawfully attempted to regulate firearms and ammunition.

“This decision is yet another validation of the preemption clause of the Pennsylvania Constitution and underscores the fact that no municipality may act contrary to state law,” said Jim Stoker, FOAC-ILLEA President. “While justice was delayed in this case, with it taking more than nine years to be completed, FOAC-ILLEA is thrilled to have won yet another legal victory in defense of the Second Amendment.” In January 2015, FOAC-ILLEA challenged the legality of several gun ordinances, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief against the city, its mayor, and the police chief. In his September 27, 2024, decision, Judge Dowling granted a permanent injunction enjoining the city’s enforcement of four ordinances that attempt to unlawfully regulate firearms and ammunition.

The Harrisburg ordinances that were enjoined include an attempt to prohibit the discharge of a firearm within city limits unless at a firing range or an accredited educational facility approved by the mayor or chief of police; requiring a lawful gun owner to report any lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours; possession of firearms by minors; and prohibiting the possession, use, and discharge of firearms within city parks.

FOAC-ILLEA additionally challenged an ordinance that allowed for prohibitions on firearms and ammunition at any time the mayor was to declare a state of emergency in the city. Judge Dowling stopped short of ruling against Harrisburg on this ordinance, stating that the ordinance has never been triggered. In a footnote, Judge Dowling noted that if ever triggered with an emergency declaration, the ordinance would likewise be preempted.

“FOAC-ILLEA will always fight to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Pennsylvania Constitution when there are challenges to the Second Amendment. We have successfully fought other local gun ordinances similar to those enacted by Harrisburg and will continue to make the case that an attempt to regulate firearms unconstitutionally infringes on rights conferred by the Second Amendment, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and are preempted by the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act of 1995,” Stoker continued.

To learn more about FOAC-ILLEA and its work to protect the Second Amendment, visit www.FOAC-ILLEA.org.

For further information, or inquiries, contact:

Jim Stoker, President
FOAC-ILLEA
jstoker@foac-illea.org
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This could be the most important Election of your lifetime, so get involved to help support and protect the 2nd Amendment and the U.S Constitution.

Remember the 2nd Amendment is there protect the entire U.S. Constitution.

*Early Voting begins **Tuesday, October 15** at the Election Office in the Beaver County Courthouse (724)770-4440,

If you want to get involved, please contact David Conte (703)708-4664 or David@nrailfrontlines.com

Want to help & get more involved. [details](#)

Voters' guide by County. www.FOAC-PAC.ORG

- Select the “Voters Guide” tab.
- Select your County.
- Click on the links to download your voters’ guide(s) for Both Federal & State

Beaver County Guide [click here for Federal](#) & [Click here for State](#). For other counties, follow the link above!



FOAC-ILLEA Gun Bash Saturday, November 16, 2024, Doors open: 1:00 - 6:00 PM Food Served by Hugo's Catering 1:00 - 5:00 PM List of guns on back of ticket.

More Info: FOAC Gun Bash Details – [Click Here](#)

Support FOAC so they can continue to support our 2nd amendment rights. Become a member. Link to FOAC-ILLEA website for membership: www.foac-illea.org

Hunter Education – Mike Zon – *absent*

- No more scheduled in-person classes in Beaver County for 2024
- Looking to have an Archery Class and hoping for a Cable Restraint Class next year.

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

- \$10 Gun raffle ticket available.
 - Winning ticket number based on the first 7 PM 3-digit PA Lottery drawn on Wednesday, December 25th, 2024. All proceeds benefit the conservation camp. Thank you, Tim for your generous donation of the guns on this ticket (Winchester SXP Defender 12 ga. Pump, Citadel Trakr .22 LR & Henry Mini Bolt .22 LR Bolt Action).
 - Please see Guy Cable and take some to sell and / or purchase.

Youth Mentored Hunts – Rich Kerlin

Pheasant

- Saturday, October 12, 2024
- 26 Licensed Junior Hunters registered with a waiting list.
- Nichol Doak Field (Raccoon State Park) **off route 168**
- Must be a licensed Junior hunter with a pheasant stamp.
- Sign-up sheets for volunteering to help with the hunt passed around the room.
- Check in will be done in 2 groups.
 - Group A will check in 7:00 am, safety briefing at 7:30 am, hunt begins at 8:00 am
 - Group B will check in 9:00 am, safety briefing at 9:30 am, hunt begins when Group A hunt ends.
- Running 2 fields: Each Field will have a dog and a guide, 2 youth hunters and 2 mentors.
- PA Game commission supplies 2 pheasants per registered youth and the youth foundation supplements with additional birds.
- No personal photography allowed during this hunt. A photographer will be supplied to take pictures.
- No bird cleaning on site.
- No one allowed in fields or past viewing areas that is not assigned to help with the hunt.
- Those assisting with the hunt, dress appropriately for the ground cover including 250 sq in blaze orange on head, back and chest.

Goose – for poster “[click here](#)”

- Applications at the Brady’s Run Park Ice Arena – “[youth application](#)” & “[adult application](#)”
 - Deadline for registration is Friday, October 18th. (Before 12:00 noon)
 - Application will also be available at the youth pheasant hunt.
- Youth Hunt will be on October 26th.
- Will accept up to 16 licensed junior hunters.
 - Federal duck stamp required beginning at age 16.
- 4 blinds will be set up for youth hunt.
- Adult hunts 10/29, 11/1, 11/5, 11/8, 11/12, 11/15, 11/19, 11/22, 11/26
- Handicap accessible blind will be available.
- 5 blinds will be set up for adult hunts.
- Hunting license and Migratory bird stamp required. 16 years and older MUST also have Federal Duck stamp.

Youth Field Day – Tonya Cable / Amy Swartzlander

- League trailer was cleaned, inventory complete and trailer put into storage for the winter. Thank you, Amy, Jeff, Rich, Guy, Tonya, and Tonya’s mom.
 - Inventory lists being verified for accuracy.
 - Discussion on adding the Logo to the trailer.
 - Trailer will be needing tires next year.
- Canoe trailer being looked at to begin restoration for the storage and transportation of the canoes for league / youth foundation activities. These canoes and the trailer came from Hopewell Canoe, Fishing & Hunting Club.

Banquet – *vacant*.

- No report

Big Knob Fair – Dick Bayer

- Looking into a new League Banner. Submit ideas to Tonya.

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>
- Discussion on the importance of clubs being proactive with best management practices and good record keeping for lead.
- **KEEP your Records!**

Firearms Training – Rich Kerlin

- 10/5/24 NRA Basic Pistol Course at Aliquippa Bucktails
- 10/19/24 Youth Air Rifle Course at North Side Sportsmen’s Association
 - Details for registration at www.northsidesportsmen.com
- 10/19/24 & 10/20/24 or 11/2/24 & 11/3/24 Defensive Pistol 101 Class at Green Valley. Call Master Ammo Company at 724-405-7468 or email info@masterammo.com for information and registration. For Detailed information, [click here](#) for course description [click here](#).
- 11/9/24 NRA Personal Protection in the Home at Aliquippa Bucktails
- 11/13/24 USCCA Concealed Carry & Home Defense at BVRP
- 11/19 US Law Shield Legal Use of Force at Aliquippa Bucktails

Contact Rich Kerlin with additional details for any firearms training. kerlinkanine@aol.com

Unfinished Business

- Jim Stoker and his company CYA donated a brand-new Muzzle loader. He is still looking for a left-handed one. THANK YOU, Jim!!!!!!

New Business

- Beaver County Goes South! Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief. To Help [Click Here](#)
- Bill Frishkorn discussed how the Masons are making a difference for the kids effected by the Hurricane.
 - Motion made to donate \$250 to this movement. Aliquippa / Ellwood Wampum. Passed.

Good of the Order

- Austin Miller Memorial Shoot Saturday, October 26th, 2024 – [Click here for details.](#)
- Legacy Alive Benefit Shoot October 11th at Hunting Hills for Gold Star Parents (posted on Facebook)
- Aliquippa Bucktails Fall Turkey Shoot October 27th sign ups 10 am – [Details here.](#)
- Ambridge Turkey Shoots every other Sunday beginning October 6th with registration starting at 12:00 pm – [details here.](#)
- Pine Run Turkey Shoots are opposite Sundays of Ambridge Turkey Shoots with registration at 11 am and shooting to begin at 12 pm.
- Ambridge Ridge Road Renegades Muzzle Loader Club Shoots starting 2nd Sunday of the month beginning on October 13th with sign-ups at 8 am – [details here.](#)
- Midland Turkey Shoots every Sunday from now thru November 24th sign ups at 12:00 pm shooting starts at 1 pm
- Marion Hill Turkey Shoots on Wednesday nights sign ups at 6 pm and shooting starts at 7 pm until Thanksgiving.
- Sewickley Gun Bash on Nov. 3rd, 2024
- Aliquippa Bucktails has raffle tickets for a chance to win \$1000 gift card to Milk House meats, \$1,000 gift card to National Armory & \$500 gift card to Giant Eagle gift card / certificate.
- Midland has a \$5 Milkhouse Meat Raffle Ticket available. See Mark.
- FOAC Gun Bash November 16th. Great Food & Great Guns. Washington County Fair Grounds. All
- NWTF Calendar Tickets available. See Jeff R.
- Ellwood Wampum Turkey Shoots Tuesday at 6 pm.
- 2025 Friends of the NRA Calendar Tickets available. – [details here.](#)
- Next Meeting will be at Beaver Falls Sportsmen Association on November 7, 2024.

50/50 Drawing

- none

Motion to Adjourn

- Conway / Pine Run Passed. 9:00 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– Confirmed	101 Fishpot Road, Monaca, PA 15061
June 6	Hopewell VFW – Confirmed	138 Stone Quarry Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001
July 11	Hopewell VFW – Confirmed	138 Stone Quarry Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001
August 1	Midland – Confirmed	142 Eastwood Road, Industry, PA 15052
September 12	Ambridge – Confirmed	2900 Ridge Road, Ext., Baden, PA 15005
October 3	Conway – Confirmed	100 Magill Rd, Zelienople, PA 16063
November 7	Beaver Falls – Confirmed	247 Sportsman Road, Darlington, PA 16115
December 12	Five Points	285 Bocktown-Cork Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001

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