

Bally Sportsmen's Association, Inc.

2023 Membership Renewal

December 2022

DUES DUE 01/31/23 – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Year 2022 membership expires on December 31, 2022. 2023 Renewal fee and signed renewal form are due by January 31, 2023. Please note – Combination to the gate will be changed March 1, 2023. The 2023 renewal form is included below, please fill out, sign, cut off and return with payment. Make sure provide a correct and valid email address. The grace period for payment starts January 31, 2023 and expires February 28, 2023. After February 28, 2023 you are no longer a member of BSA and are subject to the new member fees if you wish to rejoin. While on club grounds your membership card must be visible to others and no guests are allowed at any time. Admittance to the club grounds requires the combination to the gate lock. It is advisable to close the gate behind you when you enter. 2023 BSA Board of Directors are:

President	Neil Melcher	chevw374@comcast.net
Vice-President	Open	
Membership Secretary	Abby Melcher	chevw374@comcast.net
Recording Secretary	Christine Crowthers	
Treasurer	Mark Andreyko	

Website: www.ballysportsmen.com Club Voice-mail 610-845-3251 Club Email: theclub@ballysportsmen.com

Election of 2023 Officers was held on Dec. 15, 2022

We are running a 50/50 raffle that will be drawn at the March 2023 meeting. To participate, add a \$5 donation (or more) for each ticket along with your membership renewal dues. *We are also offering pre-sale of the Spring Go-Fishing and Gun tickets for 2023. See the form below. Gun tickets will be sent in 2023. BUY A TICKET – SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

Current 2022 members can pay their 2023 Renewal Fee and buy tickets ONLINE at www.ballysportsmen.com in the For Members only section

If you use this option, your signed previous waiver acknowledgement will remain valid.

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Fees: Standard (age 18 to 64)-\$25.00 Senior (age 65+)-\$10.00 Junior (age 17 & under)-\$3.00

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Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____ Tel: _____

I have read and understand Bally Sportsmen's Association, Inc. Range Rules. I understand and agree to follow these rules when using the ranges. I understand that I am legally responsible for my actions and every single round/arrow fired. And, I agree to pay for any damages I may cause or costs associated with my actions. I understand that a violation of any of the rules may result in my suspension or expulsion from the Club. I assume the risk of any personal injury and shall indemnify and save harmless the Club from any damages that I may cause by my use of the Bally Sportsmen's Association, Inc. property and its facilities. I further understand that I bear the absolute responsibility for my actions and any actions of others who I may supervise.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Failure to sign and date above release will result in Renewal not being processed.

NOTE: (50/50 drawing is held at the March 2023 meeting)

Please include a self-addressed envelope for return mail.

Make check amount to Total Due.

Membership renewal is due 1/31/23.

Make Check Payable to: **Bally Sportsmen's Association, Inc.**

MAIL TO: **BSA – Membership Secretary, P.O. Box 339, Bally, PA 19503**

Standard \$ _____

Senior \$ _____

Junior \$ _____

50/50

\$5.00 x ____ = _____

*Go Fishing Tickets

\$15.00 x ____ = _____

*2022 Gun Tickets

\$20.00 x ____ = _____

Total Due \$ _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check No. _____

Amount Received

Bally Sportsmen's Association, Inc.

Winter 2022 Newsletter

December 2022

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BSA would like to thank those members for actively participating in committees, the raffle donations, volunteering for work nights and working at the activities we hold for the youth. The mission of BSA is to introduce youth and instruct them in the heritage and exercise of these wholesome pursuits, hunting, fishing and shooting.

- Meetings have resumed and the fundraising and other activities are being held.
- This year BSA stocked the pond with trout for the PA State Trout Opening day. Many club members took advantage of this event and we will be stocking the pond for the 2023 opener.
- The 2022 Trout Rodeo was held. The youngsters that had a great time. Many fish and limits were caught at the Rodeo. This is a free non-profit event offered by the club to the community and its members.
- The 2022 Youth Shoot was cancelled due to the failure to have any volunteers to help.
- The 2022 Youth Pheasant hunt was held on October 8. This was a great opportunity for young hunters to be exposed to pheasant hunting, bag a couple pheasants and learn some new skills.
- BSA has a Vacancy for 2023 BSA Vice President. We are looking for a member in good standing and BSA experience to please volunteer and help your club with this important office.
- Last year the club constructed a pistol range to provide safer and more conducive facilities to shoot pistol. This year has proven that the range is popular with the members. Please remember some simple requests: *Pick up all your spent cases, do not place any objects in the range to shoot other than a paper target on the rubber backstop and do not shoot at the wood supports.* Also, new calibers like the 5.7x28mm are prohibited from the pistol range. This type of ammunition was the first of its kind, designed for the Personal Defense Weapon (PDW), a new class of firearms that are neither rifles nor submachine guns nor pistols. We do not think it is appropriate for our pistol range. It and those like it can be shot on the rifle range.
- Other projects were the installation of additional security cameras on the premises and drainage culverts on the driveway.
- Tuesday night is work night and will resume in the Spring. The ranges are closed at this time and all members are encouraged to help with the weekly maintenance to keep the BSA grounds in order.
- On the renewal form or online you have the opportunity to pre-buy the Spring Go-Fishing and Gun tickets held in 2023. Ticket sales provide over 40% of the club's income. Tickets sales help to keep the membership fees at the current level.
- Make sure you put the BSA email address on your "Safe Sender's" list to ensure you get BSA emails throughout the year. The BSA email is theclub@ballysportsmen.com
- There have been members shooting at the wood support beams on the pistol range. This is destroying the beams. It is mandatory to place your paper targets on the rubber backstops. **DO NOT SHOOT THE WOOD.**
- The club is asking for members to participate in maintaining and serving the club. It is nice to have a place to shoot but it also takes a lot of work to keep the place nice.
- Tickets sales are the second biggest funding source for BSA after the membership fees. We need sellers of tickets. Please contact Vince Pioli to get tickets to sell (or buy) and help your club. Vpioli142@gmail.com
- Lastly, we would like to thank Brandon Frederick for his devoted service to BSA and wish him continued success in all future endeavors.

2023 Schedule Highlights:

Meeting held every month on the fourth Thursday, except November and December. November meeting is on November 16th and the December meeting is December 14th.

The BSA Fish Rodeo will be on May 13th.

The Youth Pheasant hunt is tentative for October 7th.