

Bally Sportsmen's Association, Inc.

2024 Membership Renewal

December 2023

DUES DUE 01/01/23 – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Year 2023 membership expires on December 31, 2023. 2024 Renewal fee and signed renewal form are due by December 31, 2023. Please note – Combination to the gate will be changed February 1, 2024. The 2024 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 1, 2024 and expires January 31, 2024. After February 1, 2024 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	theclub@ballysportsmen.com

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

Election of 2024 Officers will be held on Dec. 21, 2023

We are running a 50/50 raffle that will be drawn at the March 2024 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 2024. See the form below. Tickets will be sent in 2024. BUY TICKETS – SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

Current 2023 members can pay their 2024 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 2024 meeting)

Please include a self-addressed envelope for return mail.

Make check amount to Total Due.

Membership renewal is due 12/31/23.

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 _____ = _____

*2024 Gun Tickets

\$20.00 x _____ = _____

Total Due \$ _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check No. _____

Amount Received _____

Bally Sportsmen's Association, Inc.

Winter 2023 Newsletter

October 2023

DUES DUE 12/31/2023

BSA would like to thank those members for actively participating in committees, the raffles, 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.

- 2024 Schedule Highlights: Meetings are held every month on the fourth Thursday, except November and December. November meeting will be on November 21st and the December meeting will be December 19th.
- BSA has a Vacancy for 2024 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.
- The club is asking members to participate in maintaining and serving the club. Tuesday night is work night and will resume in the Spring. At that time, the ranges will be closed ONLY on Tuesday nights beginning at 5:00 pm. All members are encouraged to help with the weekly maintenance to keep the BSA grounds in order. It is nice to have a place to shoot but it also takes a lot of work to keep the place nice.
- We have received data that vast numbers of Pennsylvania hunters do not vote. Voting is our hard-fought right, the envy of the world, and the way to voice our opinion for candidates and issues that influence our beloved sport. The sport and the right to bear arms is under constant attack in the government legislative bodies. If you vote, we say "Thank you". **If you do not vote, please register and participate in this cherished right to protect our sport for future generations.**
- On the renewal form or online you have the opportunity to pre-buy the Spring Go-Fishing and Gun tickets held in 2024. Ticket sales are the second biggest funding source for BSA, after the membership fees, provide over 40% of the club's income, and help keep the membership fees at the current level. We need sellers of tickets. Please contact Vince Pioli to get tickets to sell (or buy) and help your club. Vpioli142@gmail.com
- 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. Please keep your contact information up-to-date with the Club.
- We will be laying macadam in the pistol range. This will provide a surface that is easier to walk on, to keep clean, and for shooters to pick up all their spent cases. ***Pick up all your spent cases. It is mandatory that you do not place any objects in the range to shoot, other than a paper target on the rubber backstops. There have been members shooting at the wood support beams on the pistol range. This is destroying the beams. DO NOT SHOOT THE WOOD.***
- The clubhouse chimney needed repair. It was stripped, rewired and stuccoed, and a new cap installed.
- We made efforts to remove debris and overgrowth from the pond to aid the fish population.
- 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 2024 opener.
- The 2023 Trout Rodeo was held. The youngsters had a great time. Many fish and limits were caught. This is a free non-profit event offered by the club to the community and its members.
- The 2023 Youth Shoot was cancelled due to the lack of interest by participants and volunteers to help.
- With great sadness and due to the lack of availability of land to hold it on, the 2023 Youth Pheasant hunt has been cancelled. This was a great opportunity to expose young hunters to pheasant hunting, bag a couple pheasants and learn some new skills.