



Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

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2014 Member Survey

Our Member Survey Results Are In

Long story, short: We like our Club.

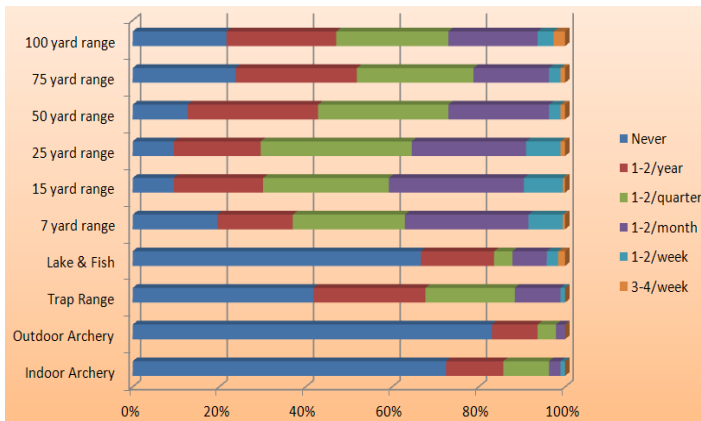
Biggest gripe: Ammo's too expensive.

Earlier this year we invited club members to fill out a short survey designed to shed light on how we use the club, what we like best about it and how we could improve it.

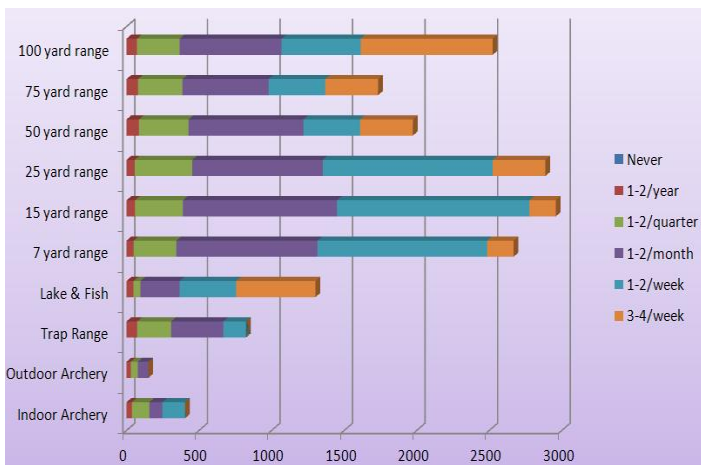
We received a healthy response, with 184 members taking the time to complete the survey. We thank them all, particularly those who took the extra time to add a comment, share a thought or step forward to offer a hand with committee work and special projects.

A synopsis of we use the club now is below. The survey results are also available on our [website](#). See the Quick Links section on the right of the homepage.

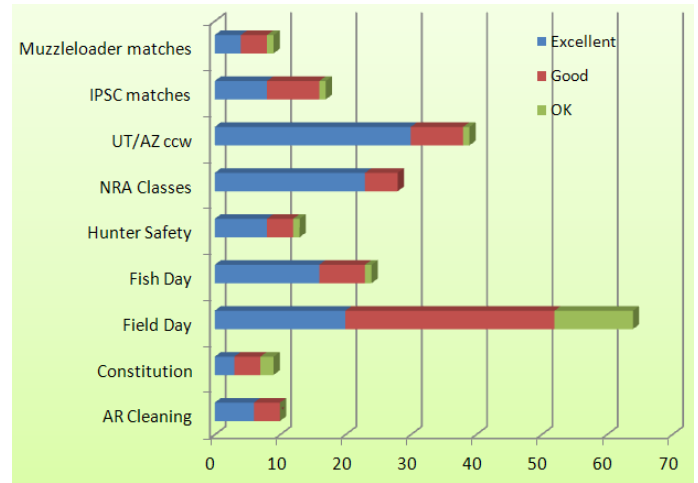
Percentage of respondents using these facilities:



Days per year these facilities are used:



Event/Class Rating:



Interest in future events/classes:



Concealed Carry License, NRA Pistol & Rifle classes and Shooting Events top the list.

In addition to the usage data we collected, we were pleased to see how positively our respondents view the club and their experience with it. If the sample of survey respondents is indicative of the general membership, we like our club and we're proud to bring guests to it.

A number of members commented on recent improvements to the club's facilities and shared thoughts their thoughts on what we could do next.

The most frequently mentioned complaint (after over-priced ammo) was a lack of time to use the club's facilities. We wish we had more time to be here, too

There was significant support for the idea of an indoor pistol/rifle range. That would be a major undertaking (including working around land-covenant limitations) but it's important for our leadership to know what our members are thinking about and how the club could serve them better.

Overall, the Survey was well worth the effort. We learned more about utilization of our facilities, got more than a few attaboys, found fresh help for a number of committees, generated a new pool of volunteers and heard what's on our members' minds.

But, don't wait for the next survey – if you have an idea you'd like to share, send an email to one of our committee chairmen or officers.

We offered a chance to win a one-year membership renewal for completing the survey. Our lucky winner was Paul Bonnett. Congratulations Paul.

Environmental Stewardship Plan

The Club's officers have set aside funding for formulating an environmental stewardship plan. A special committee has been empanelled to coordinate with vendors in assessing our current situation and developing a long-term plan. The committee will make periodic reports on progress.

Help Get Ready for Field Day

Field Day is our best opportunity to show the remarkable features our club offers. We'd like to make this year's Field Day as fun and active as possible, so we ask for your ideas on how we can attract a larger crowd, increase the fun quotient and share the facility with our guests.

Please send you Field Day ideas directly to Mark Bubel at vice-pres@sccsfa.org

NRA 3 Gun Experience Debuts at SCCSFA

The NRA 3 Gun Experience is coming to the Club at the end of June.

On Saturday the 28th, we will clear the decks for an exciting exercise in marksmanship and movement, brought to us by the good offices of the NRA and the good work of Mark Rowles and handful of dedicated volunteers.

We anticipate playing host to nearly seventy-five shooters and a very engaging day. Proceeds from the 3GE will be used to purchase steel targets for the club.

Check the Club's [website](#) for details.

Committee News

Black Powder Committee

The Black Powder gang at SCCSFA are an active and creative bunch. This spring, the Committee sponsored two fun events.

On April 27th (after a slight rain delay) it was annual Smokin' Spring Thing. On May 10th, it was the Spring Chicken Shoot. Both events were in coordination with the Brandywine Long Rifles.





Drew Gregg is the chairman of the black powder committee and a passionate advocate for muzzle-loaders. His committee's outings are always well-organized, informal, safe and fun.

If you've never seen or shot with black powder, keep an eye on the club's calendar for up-coming events or contact Drew Gregg at blackpowder@sccsfa.org

Brandywine Long Rifle matches are held on the second Saturday of each month (except December & January). The matches are open to any member and loaner rifles available upon request. Spectators and new shooters are cordially invited.

There will be an NRA basic muzzleloading rifle class in August. Details will be available through the education committee.

Shotgun Committee

Matt Gallagher: Junior Shooter is now an NRA Distinguished Expert in Shotgun.

On Field Day in the fall of 2012, SCCSFA member Robert Siliani brought his grandson, Matt Gallagher, around to the club and asked him if he would like to try a little trap shooting. Steve Bunnell, chairman of the shotgun sports committee, kitted him out with a shotgun and ammunition and offered a word or two of advice.

Matt proceeded to break 17 of the 25 targets thrown in his first-ever string.

A few weeks later, Matt enrolled in our NRA Basic Shotgun class and it was apparent that the natural talent he displayed on Field Day was no fluke.

Since that time he has kept up his practice and persevered through each of the NRA marksmanship awards until reaching the final category of Distinguished Expert on June 8th of this year.

We are proud to present Matt with his award at the General Membership meeting on June 24. We know his grandfather and his mother, Maria Gallagher, are just as impressed as we are.

Matt is the club's second junior shooter to achieve this signal honor.

Steve Bunnell, always ready to help young shooters and novices of any age, is on the lookout for number 3.

Treasurer's Report

Current balances on hand, as of May 2014:

Checking account	\$	9,743
Savings Account	\$	115,346

Thanks and Thoughts

Our Thanks

Our Thanks to Rich Parkin for his superb work on the Member Survey, to the 3GE volunteers for pitching in and to all the members who lent their time and talent to the Club this quarter.

Your Thoughts

Please share your thoughts on the Newsletter with us at: newsletter@sccsfa.org

Parting shot



Shotgun sports Chairman Steve Bunnell presents Matt Gallagher his NRA Distinguished Expert in Shotgun award.



Junior shooter and Distinguished Expert Matt Gallagher with his proud grandfather, SCCSFA member Robert Siliani.