



Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

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Field Day

Field Day is October 4th.

Mark your calendars and tie a string around your finger as a reminder to join us at the Club for our annual open house.

Help us celebrate one of the finest archery and shooting sports facilities in our part of the world.

Bring a friend so that we can show others what we have to offer and encourage them to get involved.

2015 Membership Renewal Package

If you haven't received it already, look for your 2015 membership renewal package in your US mail box, soon.

For the 2015 renewal cycle, we will be inaugurating an on-line enrollment system that should make it easier for you to refresh your membership for the coming year and save the club's officers and volunteers quite a bit of work.

You should also have received a recent email that offers instructions on how to proceed when the online system has been prepared to accept your input.

The re-enrollment process is an involved one for the membership committee and any help you can give them by managing your renewal on-line will be greatly appreciated.

Of course, you always have the option of mailing your renewal form back to us but please bear in mind that electrons are faster than mail trucks and usually more reliable.

One way or the other, we'll be delighted to have you back for another year.

Indoor Range Interest Survey

What's this green thing in my membership renewal package?

That, fellow members, is a very short survey designed to help us gauge the demand for a 24-hour-a-day, 365 day-a-year indoor shooting facility at the club.

At present, we are limited by local ordinance to what are essentially daylight-only shooting hours - and even less than

that on Sundays - when many of us are most at liberty to use the club. We are also at the mercy of the elements in our current outdoor-only configuration.

We can solve both of those limitations by establishing an indoor range.

But indoor ranges don't come cheap and before we spend any of our scarce capital on design studies or engineering contracts, let alone a full-scale installation, we need to have a very good handle on whether we can afford to proceed.

Under our current dues structure, we would not be able to buy or build a range, whether it was of portable or permanent design.

But if there is sufficient interest among our members and that interest is backed by a clear and honest expression of financial support, we may become confident enough to proceed.

In completing your survey, please approach the key question - what's it worth to me? - as a commitment you would be prepared to make, not just something you think would be nice to have.

We are not looking for a backdoor way to increase dues nor do we contemplate making people who won't use an indoor range pay for it. (A two-tier dues system - indoor & outdoor - might emerge if we proceed).

But, in order to make any of those decisions, we need to hear your voice. You can either use the secure URL listed on the sheet to record your answer online or mail the green survey sheet back to us with your renewal paperwork.

If you haven't received your renewal package by the time you read this newsletter, just go to the URL now, <http://tinyurl.com/sccsfa-irs> and let us know what you think. One reply to a customer, please, so don't do both.

Let There Be Light

Our Forestry Committee Clears a Path

A few short months ago, mindful of the ever-growing woodlands that take up much of our property, the club's board of directors voted to establish a forestry committee.

Ever since then, **Mark Bubel** has been working hard to organize the committee and turn its attention to our most critical arbor issues.

The first order of business has been to clear the air above our rifle and pistol ranges by trimming or dropping growth along the berms. We want to have better light in which to shoot and less exposure to the damage, inconvenience and safety concerns caused by blow-downs onto the ranges. Taking action now can help ensure that we don't lose roofs, skylights, baffles or target-backers to a tree on its way back to Mother Earth.

Over several Saturdays, volunteers have cleared trees and limbs from our entry road, three of the ranges closest to the clubhouse and a couple of adjacent areas. The before-and-after difference is plain to see.

Our thanks to all of the volunteers, particularly **Mark**, for organizing the effort and member **Glenn Fagerli**, whose knowledge of tree management, heavy equipment and artistry with a bucket-lift have been indispensable. We also thank his co-worker, **Mike Simmons**, who kindly volunteered his time and talent even though he's not yet a member.

There is more work to be done but we've cleared a path for the future.

The NRA Three-Gun Experience

It's true that **June 28th** fell in the second quarter of **2014** but the NRA Three-Gun Experience was just too much fun to overlook in this edition of the newsletter.



Gun 1: Rifle...

Mark Rowles and baker's dozen of volunteers organized a very successful event, one that's likely to appear on the Club's calendar again.



Gun 2: Pistol...

Seventy-one participants shot pistols, rifles and shotguns (hence, the three-gun title) at a challenging array of static and active targets on two separate courses. Our thirteen volunteers put in more than 110 work hours the day of the event and even more time planning and organizing the affair.



Gun 3: Shotgun.

Even with a few mechanical problems and a stubborn shotgun, the event was a huge hit with competitors.

Our top three shooters are below. All scores are available on the Club's website.

| Place | Last Name | First Name | Course1 Total | Course2 Total | Total Time |
|-------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 | Yarnall | Kelly | 15.54 | 17.87 | 33.41 |
| 2 | Herlihy | Bill | 13.46 | 23.26 | 36.72 |
| 3 | Wofford | Sam | 19.05 | 21.24 | 40.29 |

Proceeds from the competition will be used to acquire steel targets for future Club events.

describe their equipment, tactics and techniques to interested on-lookers.

The Revolution Comes to SCCS&FA



The First Delaware Regiment pays a visit to our Club



If you are in the right place at the right time, you can occasionally get a glimpse of history. We had one of those occasions at the Club on August 31st, when the First Delaware Regiment paid us a visit.



The Regiment is a dedicated to helping keeping alive the spirit of the Blue Hens and demonstrating how our forefathers campaigned for liberty during the Revolutionary War.

The members of the Regiment are perfect gentlemen as well as authentic re-enactors and they are always happy to



For more information about this remarkable group, visit their website at <http://1stdelawareregiment.org>



If you have a chance to see one of their encampments or skirmishes don't miss it. You'll be glad you took the time.



Committee News

Hail and Farewell

Departures from a number of important committees

Committee chairmen are vital part of the life of our club – they organize, oversee and nurture the programs and facilities we use and enjoy at SCCS&FA. They seldom get the recognition they deserve, so it's fitting and proper that we offer a hail and farewell as several of them step down from their leadership roles:

Stephanie Sarosky, Education Committee

Graham Smith, Pistol Committee

Sonny Madalozzo, Fish and Lake Committee

Stephanie and Graham will be leaving the club and the area. Sonny will continue his membership and involvement

We offer our most sincere thanks and best wishes to all of them.

If you have an interest in getting involved with any of these (or other) committees, please contact the club's president.

Treasurer's Report

Current balances on hand, as of September 2014:

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| Checking account | \$ | 11,235 |
| Savings Account | \$ | 100,382 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ | 19,193 |
| Total | \$ | 130,810 |

Thanks and Thoughts

Our Thanks

Our deepest thanks to **Stephanie Sarosky, Graham Smith** and **Sonny Maddalozzo** for their tireless work as committee chairmen over the years.

And to the **forestry committee** and the members who volunteered their time, talent and equipment in starting this important work. Thanks in particular to **Glenn Fagerli** and **Mike Simmons**. Without their equipment and expertise, we'd still be cutting. Special thanks to **Jim Blevins** for providing every kind of chainsaw under the sun.

On Sunday, 7 September more than twenty club members, spouses and kids descended on our clubhouse to help the Membership Committee prepare our 2015 renewal packages.



In little over an hour almost **1,400** envelopes had been stuffed, stamped and ready for delivery to the post office. It was a remarkable example of the SCCS&FA's volunteer spirit and proof positive that many hands make light work.



Fourteen hundred envelopes

We offer our thanks to all those who lent a hand.

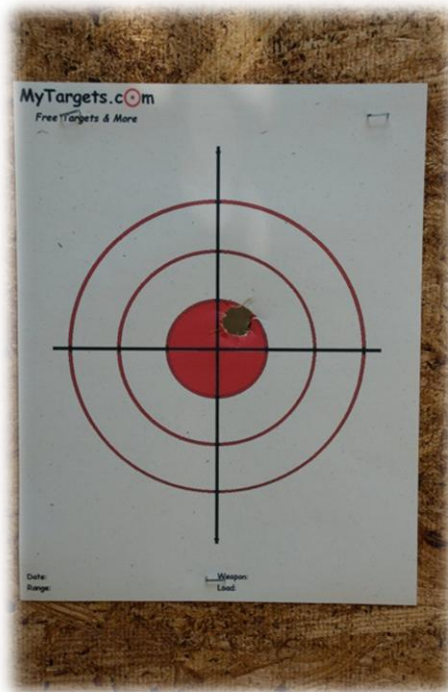
Your Thoughts

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Parting shot



Smokey Discharge



Bullseye