



# Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

*Kennett Square, Pennsylvania*

## Top Stories

### Trap Shooting at SCCS&FA

Revised schedule starting October 2nd. See page 3.

### 2016 Renewals & How You Can Help

Preparation and participation please. Details page 2.

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## Committee News

### Education

**NRA Basic Rifle Class** was held for members on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in which three students participated and passed. Congratulations to the students and thanks to our instructors.

### Facilities

#### Driveway

**Driveway Repair** estimate received from Price Paving of Kennett Square. A notification letter was sent to our neighbors on Sportsman Lane with a request to cut back trees and shrubs.

#### Well

**The Well Pump** was replaced with a 1hp pump which will provide the proper water flow rate of 10-15 gal/min.

#### Security Cameras

Baer Electric proposal reviewed.

#### Reminder

**Interested in helping with Clubhouse maintenance?** Requirement: Crew of 2 for 30 minutes/week, any time and day of the week.

Contact: Lew and Chuck via: [vice-pres@sccsfa.org](mailto:vice-pres@sccsfa.org)

### Fish & Lake

**Pond Chemicals** Alligare Fluridone and Alligare OZ's have been/will be applied: Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, Aug 28<sup>th</sup> and Sept 18<sup>th</sup> to control pondweed growth and seeds.

### Junior

**Junior Marksmanship Program.** Interested? For details see the [2016Q2 Newsletter](#) and reach out to Contact: [junior@sccsfa.org](mailto:junior@sccsfa.org)

## Membership

**Online renewal notices will be sent out via email starting September 1<sup>st</sup>.** To ensure timely receipt of your new membership card and uninterrupted access to the club there are three things that you can do:

1. **Maintain NRA Membership**
2. **Verify Your Gate Card Number**
3. **Renew Online**

### 1 - Maintain NRA Membership

NRA membership is a prerequisite to SCCS&FA membership. We work closely with the NRA to maintain up-to-date information of our members' NRA number and expiration date. The latest information we have on record will have been included in this newsletter announcement email. If you do not have valid NRA membership your new membership card will not be sent out, your gate card will cease to function and access to club grounds will not be permitted.

NRA membership may be renewed at a discount via the link on our club website: [Renew NRA](#).

### 2 - Verify Your Gate Card Number

The gate card number we have recorded in the system in almost all cases matches the card you hold. *Almost all!* It is those few exceptions that cause problems. The electronic gate system and membership systems are separate but we have the ability to semi-automatically update the gate card expiration dates in bulk. However, this only works if we have the correct card number matched with your membership record.

If you could please take a moment to pull out your white gate card and check the number on the back matches the number shown in the newsletter announcement email that would be of great help. The card number is the first 5 digits printed in black on the back of the white plastic card.

**If the number does not match, please:**

- log into the club website [SCCS&FA.org](http://SCCS&FA.org),
- click on your name at the top to access your profile information,
- click the **Edit Profile** button,
- scroll down to the **Expanded Personal Information** section,

- enter the correct number in the **Key Card Number (Member's correction)** field and finally
- click the **Save** button.

If you've never logged on before or have forgotten your password, please see the [online help](#) shown on the Renewal FAQ page under Membership.

If your number does not match and you're really stuck with this, then as a last resort please email [renewals@scsfa.org](mailto:renewals@scsfa.org) with the correct number. It's a lot to ask but there are currently 1,418 active members and 3 part-time volunteers with full-time jobs and small children trying to manage all this.

### 3 - Renew Online

Last year about half our membership renewed online and had their membership cards and gate access processed before October 1<sup>st</sup>.

We plan to generate and mail out paper renewal forms only to those members that have not renewed online by September 9<sup>th</sup>. So please don't delay, renew early and save the club time and expense.

We will likely need volunteers to help stuff envelopes on the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>. An announcement will go out nearer the time.

Please renew online if you can and help senior members renew online where you can. Renewing online is huge.

### Field Day

Field Day will be on **Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>** this year. In addition to the many events and demonstrations held around the club this is also the time we process the mailed in and walk-in renewals. Again these are labor intensive activities so volunteers are greatly appreciated.

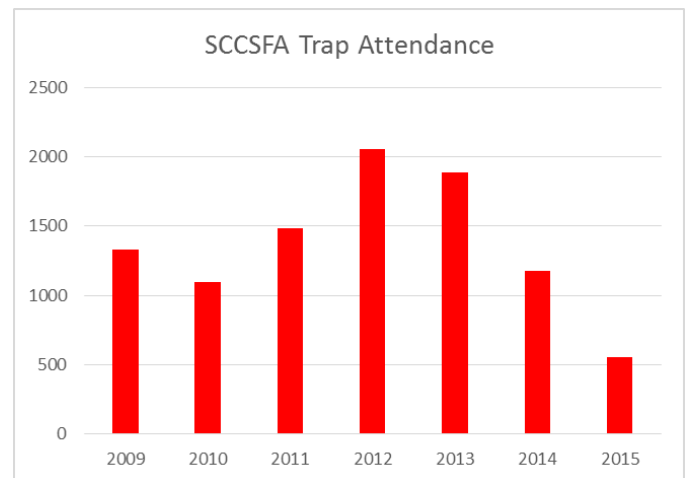
Contact: [renewals@scsfa.org](mailto:renewals@scsfa.org) to volunteer or with other renewal issues.

### Pistol

**Range closures** due to IPSC matches are posted on the club calendar. IPSC matches are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from March to October.

### Shotgun

**Trap Shooting at SCCSFA.** We have had several inquiries about the trap range and the Sunday trap shoots we have conducted for many years. The Sunday events were suspended in November of last year due to a lack of attendance and our inability to secure adequate supplies of clay targets to keep the trap thrower operational.



The target supply problem was the result of the decision by the Pennsylvania distributor of White Flyer targets to discontinue carrying this line of products. We can no longer order full pallets of targets and as a further consequence, they have disappeared from the stocks of local retailers as well. For a time, we were able to buy Champion brand targets from Cabella's in Wilmington, but they have not been willing to order these for us in the past year. There are several retail stores that carry small quantities of Champion targets and we have had volunteers picking up small trunk loads of targets over the past few months.

We have no explanation for the decline in attendance for the Sunday trap shoots over the past few years. Attendance in 2015 was only about 25% of our peak year in 2012. On numerous Sundays in 2015, we had either a very small turnout or none at all. This may have been a consequence of our earlier success. Several shooters told us they had stopped coming to our Sunday events because they were too

crowded and it took too long to get a spot in our lineup given that we have only a single trap field. There are of course other clubs in the vicinity that have multiple trap fields and handle sufficient volume that they can afford to buy entire truckloads of targets directly from the factory.

If that is the case, it is unfortunate. We have never considered our club a competitor to other area clubs. Our focus has always been to provide a recreational activity for our members and their families. Unlike many other larger clubs, we welcome both beginning and advanced shooters and have both experienced shooters and NRA instructors willing to help new shooters learn the game and improve their shotgun skills. We have had a number of junior shooters that have developed their skills on our field and gone on to have some success in competitive shooting in ATA sponsored events.

Naturally, the club would like to see the trap field and its equipment put to use for the benefit of our members. Since the suspension of the regular Sunday trap shoots last November, we have offered the use of the trap field to groups of members and their guests of 5 or more persons and we have hosted several group events.

**We now have a small quantity of targets stockpiled sufficient to supply a fall season of trap shooting.** We will open the trap field on Sundays on a revised schedule from 1 pm to 3 pm during the month of October starting October 2nd. The trap range will also be open on Field Day Sat Sept 24<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm. These events will be open only to our members and their guests. Guest passes are not required if your guests limit their activities to the trap field.

The fall season has historically been the most active period for participating trap shooters. Those members interested in seeing our trap field utilized are invited to attend some of the October events. The future of trap shooting at SCCSFA will depend on the level of interest shown by our members and finding a sufficient number of volunteers willing to operate the trap events and assist in maintaining adequate supplies of clay targets.

The trap field is operated by the Shotgun Sports Committee. We welcome any questions, comments or suggestions our members may have on this topic. Please direct your correspondence to [shotgunsports@scsfa.org](mailto:shotgunsports@scsfa.org).

## Treasurer's Report

Current balances on hand, as of Aug 9, 2016:

Checking Account	\$ 18,960
Savings Account	\$ 205,774
Other Accounts	\$ 23,021
Total	\$ 247,755

## Thanks and Thoughts

### Thanks

Thanks to our instructors and volunteers who keep our club running.

### Your Thoughts

Have an idea or something to share in an article? Is there something you'd like to see covered in the newsletter? Have a cool picture from an event or visit to the club? Please share feedback with us at: [newsletter@scsfa.org](mailto:newsletter@scsfa.org)

