



Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

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Election Results



Members present at our general member's meeting on December 27th, 2016 voted for our club's officer positions and four positions for our board of directors.

The results are as follows:

- President Dave Jahn
- Vice-President Larry Bickings
- Secretary Robert T Detweiler
- Treasurer Steve Bunnell
- Directors Percy Reynolds
 Lt David Ham
 Joe Neuman
 John Flynn

Thanks to everyone who put their names forward with the commitment to serve the club. Also to those who attended the meeting and cast their vote.

Committee News

Archery

New wall in archery range. As some will have noticed, the indoor archery range was closed for a few days in mid-February for maintenance. The targets were changed from Celotext (soundboard – requiring annual replacement) to Big Shot targets (made from military grade ballistic material). The new targets are expected to last five years and may be rebuilt for less than the annual cost of those they replaced. Initial cost was about 4 times more but 5 and 10-year savings are projected at 24% and 55% respectively.

The Project - Before:



During:



After:



Archery committee chairman Percy Reynolds would like to thank: Rich Debacco, Dave Jahn, Jim Chilicut, Jared Pardue, Gary Pardue, Bob Devlin, Bob Perkins, Kevin Bushy, Matt Lamar, Charlie Fountain, Larry Bickings and Joe Conner for making the project possible.



Facilities

Quite a few upgrades took place in the past couple of months. A couple reported under I.T. and one unwelcome...

On Monday January, 23rd our club cleaning volunteers discovered that Mother nature had dropped a replacement gate arm across the entrance taking out the gate and controller. Arriving at the club they saw this:





Many thanks to Lew Kinter, Charlie Fountain and other volunteers who helped clean up the mess. Further thanks to Don Sloat for coordinating the installation of this more practical replacement:



Fish & Lake

The very popular **Opening Day for Trout falls on April 1st**.

Only juniors (under 18 years old) may fish the lake starting at 8am through 9am. Starting at 9am the lake will be open to all members to fish. Anyone 16 years or older will need a fishing license and trout stamp. **Only members may fish** – no guests.

Fish will be delivered on Thursday March 30th, at 10 am and at Noon. We are looking for volunteers to get the fish into the lake. Please sign-up online and [register here](#) and/or contact

the Fish and Lake Committee at fish-lake@scsfa.org if you can help.

The equally popular Kitchen committee has been engaged to offer breakfast for a nominal fee starting at 7 am. Please sign-up online and [register here](#) and/or contact the Kitchen committee at kitchen@scsfa.org if you are able to volunteer for a time slot to help with breakfast.

This is a great day for adults and children alike. Breakfast is always a treat. Please help make it a success by helping where you can.

I.T.

In addition to working on the gate replacement, our I.T. Committee chairman, Don Sloat has been gathering quotes and coordinating contractors to upgrade the club's security cameras, install additional electronic door locks and reconnect our Verizon Fios internet and phone connections. Additional thanks to Steve Bunnell for covering Verizon's on-site work. Electronic doors provide a much more flexible mechanism for allowing access to various areas of the club.

Jr. Program

The **Junior Marksmanship Program** will start up again Sunday March 5th, from 2pm to 4pm on the 75-yard range. This is open to juniors from 12 to 17 years old. Adults too are welcome to join the program. Please reach out to Dave Hutchins at juniors@scsfa.org if interested or check out the Juniors page on our web-site: [here](#) for more information.



Legislative



The PA Game Commission board unanimously approved allowing the use of semi-automatic rifles for hunting, including deer, elk and bear. The move needs final approval when the board meets again on

March 27th and 28th.

Membership

We have been working on a review our membership intake process. We have a backlog of nearly 600 people that have registered through the web site to be notified when we are taking new members. As these records have a date and time stamp from when they signed up, we will begin processing them in the order they were received with no other ranking system applied.

The goal is to bring in 240 new members this year. Invitations will be sent out in small batches to only those who signed up on the website. Their spouses will be accepted upon request since we recognize only the husband or wife may have signed up for the notice. Prospects will be given 14 days to respond to the invitation email and register for a new member orientation meeting. After 14 days, their name will be purged from the list.

As usual, a current member spouse and any member's children turning 18 years old will be accepted into the program.

This is going to present a lot of work for various committees and volunteers (Rules/Disciplinary, Membership, Mentors) so if you would like to help please reach out to the respective committee chairmen. We particularly need mentors. An RSO (Range Safety Officer) class is anticipated.

Rules/Disciplinary

Warren Goodwin reported that in 2016, the Rules and Disciplinary committee was required to handle just a very few infractions and these infractions did not involve safety problems. He said the Mentoring program is clearly working and expressed appreciation for the efforts of Mentors ensuring new members are well versed in gun safety and Club rules. He would like special thanks go to Mark and Patti Bubel for heading up and coordinating the mentoring program.

Shotgun

At the January, General Membership meeting the Shotgun Committee reported it is contemplating a spring event. Are you interested? Contact shotgun@scsfa.org and let them know. Announcements will be published as details solidify.

Officer Reports

President

We're short of an Education Committee chairman. You don't need to be an NRA certified trainer but do need to have enthusiasm, the ability to schedule events and coordinate with internal/external trainers and SCCS&FA volunteers. We've had some terrific courses in the past (UT/AZ concealed carry being outstandingly popular) and certainly have interest within the club for further training classes as we see from the [2014 membership survey](#) – see slide 7.

If you are interested in serving your club in this capacity please contact the president, Dave Jahn at president@scsfa.org.

Vice-President

The club has sponsored ten tickets to the Friends of NRA Dinner Banquet on Saturday March 11th, 2017. The event will be held in the Red Clay Room, Kennett File Co., Dalmatian St., Kennett Square PA. Doors open at 4pm, Dinner at 6pm. There will be Collectables, Prints, Sporting Gear, Knives, and many Firearms (including the 2016 Gun of the Year –Daniel Defense M4 Carbine chambered in 5.56x45), Raffles, Games, Silent and Live Auction.



Ticket pairs may be requested free for this sold out event by sending an email to secretary@scsfa.org. Selection will be decided via a drawing at the membership meeting on **February 28th**.

Treasurer's Report

Current balances on hand, as of Feb 14, 2017:

Checking Account	\$	21,625
Savings Account	\$	245,903
Other Accounts	\$	25,743
Total	\$	293,271