



Southern Chester County Sportsman and Farmers Association

720 Sportsman Lane
Kennett Square, PA 19348

2019 First Quarter

Election Results

At the December 18th General Membership Meeting the following Officers were elected to a 1 Year Term:

- **President, Larry Bicking**
- **Vice President, David Jahn**

The following Officers were re-elected to a 1 Year Term:

- **Secretary, Robert Detweiler**
- **Treasurer, Steve Bunnell**

The following Directors were re-elected to a 2 Year Term :

- **John Flynn**
- **Joe Neuman**
- **Lt. David Ham**
- **Percy Reynolds**

Please congratulate and thank these dedicated volunteers for their service to the Club when you see them.

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Rules Reminder Warren Goodwin, Rules Chairman

The use of shotguns and shot shells are prohibited on the 7 and 15 yard ranges. This prohibition includes .410 shot shells fired in revolvers. Using shot shells at these short distances accelerates the deterioration of the target backers.

Education David Lee, Education Chairman

Club members are fortunate to have such a wide variety of course topics to participate in if they choose. Members are notified via email of upcoming class, registration and requirements.

Below are just a few:

- 2/23 NRA Range Safety Officer Course
- 3/16 Long Range Precision Shooting
- 3/30 USA Archery - Level II Instructor



Hunter Trapper Ed Course

The Club is hosting a PA Game Commission Hunter Trapper Education Class at the SCCS&FA Club House. This is a 2 day class and students must attend both. Classes will be on Thursday March 14 from 6:00 to 9:00PM and Saturday March 16 from 8:00am to 3:00pm. This is a unique class since it contains a

skills segment with Round Robin stations for students. The successful completion of the course is mandatory to obtain a PA Hunting License for the first time.

In addition, your PA certificate may be recognized by other states requiring a hunting certificate to obtain a license.

Classes are free and opened to the public but students may register on the PA Game Commission website at:

<https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/Hunter-TrapperEducation/Pages/default.aspx>.

Campfire Tales by ohn McNicholas, Camping Chairman

Did you know there are three tent campsites behind the clubhouse for members to use and one of the sites has a fire ring.

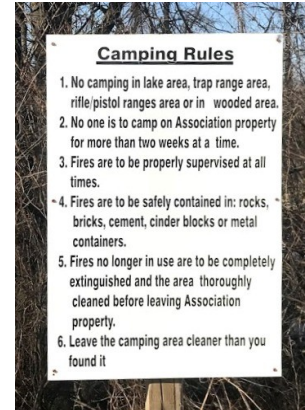
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The Camping Committee is looking for interested camping enthusiast to volunteer as a committee member. There is always ways to improve the camping experience for our members.

Interested?

For Information Email: camping@sccsfa.org



From the Trap House by Steve Bunnell, Shotgun Chairman



Did you know the Trap Committee accepts reservations for groups of 5 or more wishing to use the trap field and have also hosted several events.

The committee is also toying with the idea of forming a league. If interested in participating please contact shotgunsports@sccsfa.org Details will follow once a sufficient number of shooters are interested.

Membership By Rich Parkin, Membership Volunteer Amy Hutchins, Membership Chairman

The Membership committee processed renewals to a schedule from Sep 15th to the end of the year. As can be seen from the table 85% of members renewed on time. 98 Members did not renew or had a NRA

Date	Processed	%	Total %
Sept 15th	737	49.80	49.80
Sept 23rd	276	18.60	68.40
Sept 30th	255	17.20	85.60
Oct 5th	97	6.50	92.10
Oct 30th	60	4.10	96.20
Nov 13th	15	1.00	97.20
Nov 27th	13	0.90	98.10
Dec 11th	9	0.60	98.70
Dec 24th	8	0.50	99.20
Dec 30th	10	0.70	99.90
Jan 6th	1	0.10	100.00
Total	1,481	100.00	

membership expiring prior to Sept 30, 2019 5 did not receive a new membership card or have their gate card activated. Paid fees were returned. In 2018 a total 103 members were lost but 168 joined.

Makin' Some Smoke

By Drew Gregg, Blackpowder Chairman
Photos by Leigh Mills BLR Member

If you've ever wondered what it might be like to shoot a muzzleloading rifle but were afraid to ask, fear not! We can help you demystify the muzzleloader and show you just how much fun it can be to make some smoke on the range. It isn't as hard as some may have told you and it is a lot of fun.

The SCCS&FA blackpowder committee has been folded into another organization that has been continuously shooting on our ranges since the early 1990s. Brandywine Long Rifles has been holding monthly matches on the 50 yard range for nearly 30 years. All of our matches are handicapped and we typically provide food prizes (chicken, bacon, scrapple, etc.) down to the fourth place for every target. We shoot six to eight targets during a match. Almost everyone goes home with something. There is never any need to fear about being new to blackpowder. We have been told that we are the friendliest group of shooters to be found anywhere and our members are the best ambassadors to the sport to be found.



So, what equipment do you need? Any muzzleloading rifle including inline, military musket, smoothbore trade gun, in good working order with iron sights, flintlock or percussion. While scopes are not permitted, peep sight systems are used by many. On our range you will find many handmade rifles, store bought reproductions and on a rare occasion a shootable antique. Don't have your own rifle? No problem. We do have loaner rifles that you can use to give blackpowder shooting a try. We just need a two week notice to reserve the rifle. Targets are novelty style and vary from match to match. Our shootmasters do their level best to make each match a challenge and they never fail to force you to bring your A-game. Bring a packed lunch with you to the match. Some months our members provide lunch for the group. Bring \$10.00 for the match. If you win two or three prizes during the match you'll likely come out ahead and had some fun and great camaraderie with a great bunch of blackpowder shooters. Matches are held the second Saturday of



every month from March through December. We break for the worst of the winter in January and February.

To get on our email list for monthly shoot notices, send your request to: blackpowder@sccsfa.org

For event information and match results visit FaceBook at: <https://www.facebook.com/BrandywineLongRifles/>

Tight-Lines by Mark Fenster, Fish and Lake Chairman

March 30th , 1st Day of Trout Season!

With cold weather here and the snow is falling, we are confident spring will come and bring with it Trout Season. On opening day we will open the lake to juniors (ages under 18) at 8 am and to adult members at 9 am. Remember, the PA Fish Commission requires anyone 16 and older to have a fishing license and trout stamp.



The lake will be stocked in March; details are being finalized and volunteers will be needed for stocking. Please look for an email requesting help.

We are hoping the ground has time to dry out as it is very soft which would make stocking more difficult.

Please Remember: This is a members only event and the deadline for membership renewal has long passed. The membership committee is normally not on site so make sure you have your new membership and gate access card.

Junior Programs

By Mark Fenster, JR Program Voluteer
Dave Hutchins, Jr. Program Chairman

The Junior Marksmanship Program is open to those 12-17 years old.

The Program offers 4 different disciplines including:

- Pistol
- Hunter,
- Shotgun (trap)
- 4 Position (Small Bore Rifle)

The classes are held from April to October on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00pm.

Information will be forthcoming when we get closer to the April start-up.

Parents and Adults are able to join the juniors in any of the disciplines.

In 2018 we averaged 5 juniors for all the programs.

We had 1 junior start the hunter program, 4 started trap and the rest shot rifle or pistol.

Please join us on the 75 yard range starting in April.



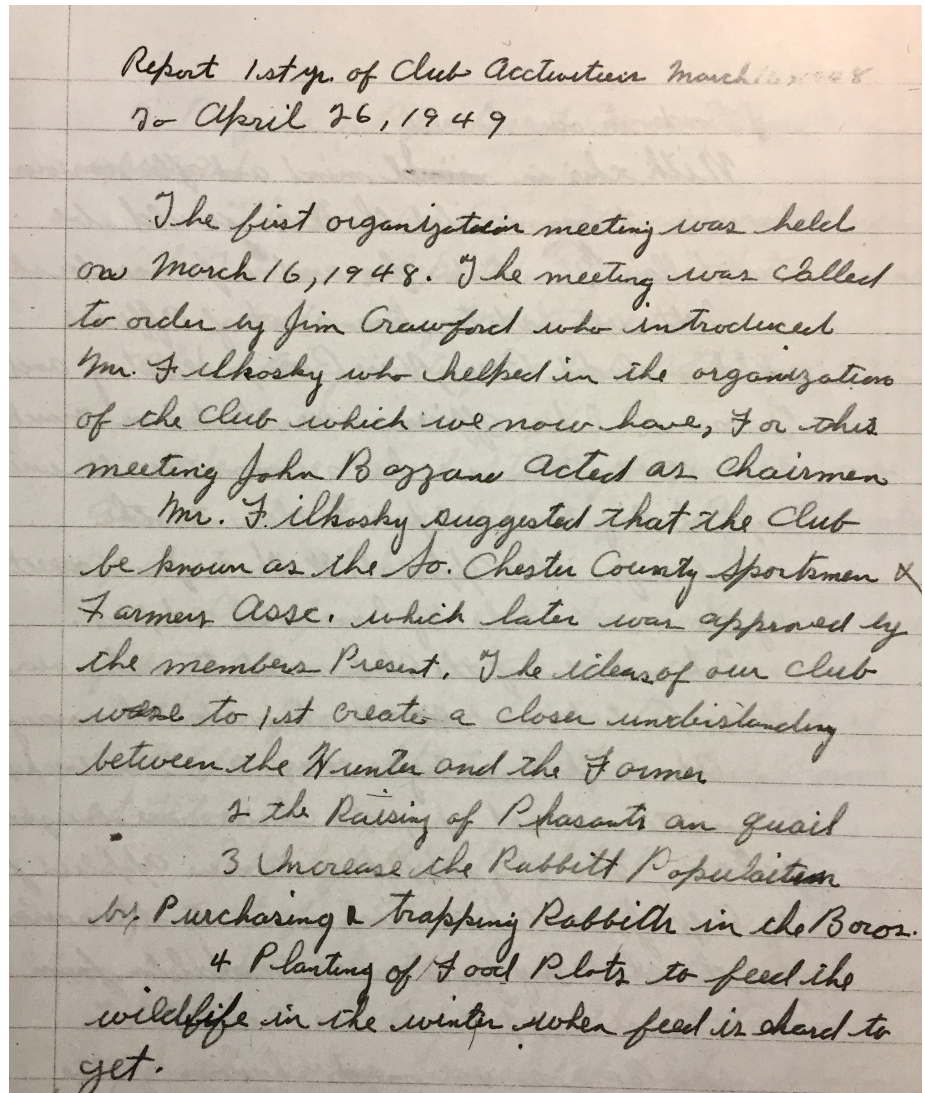
Blast from the Past!



Above is an original SCCS&FA sew-on patch with original logo.

To the right is a copy of the first minutes to the SCCS&FA

Below is a typed version on the minutes.



Report 1st year of Club Activities (March 16, 1948 to April 26, 1949)

The first organization meeting was held on March 16, 1948. The meeting was called to order by Jim Crawford who introduced Mr. Filkosky who helped in the organization of the club we now have. For this meeting John Bazzano acted as Chairman.

Mr. Filkosky suggested that the club be known as the So. Chester County Sportsman and Farmers Asso. Which later was approved by the members present. The ideas of our club was to 1st create a closer understanding between the Hunter and the Farmer.

- 2 The Raising of Pheasants and quail.
- 3 Increase the Rabbit Population.
- 4 Planting of Food Plots to feed the wildlife in the winter when feed is hard to get.
- 5 The Stocking of Fish in various streams and ponds in our locality.

Note: Mr. (Pete) Filkosky was the area Game Warden. John Bazzano was an Insurance Broker from Kennett. More of the 1st Report may appear in future Newsletters.

Treasurer's Report

as presented by Steve Bunnell, Treasurer

Southern Chester County Sportsmens and Farmers Association Balance Sheet As of December 18, 2018

	Dec 18, '18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Merchant/Checking Account	29,244.95
Trap Account	8,250.47
Petty Cash - Trap	100.00
Petty Cash - Kitchen	50.00
Petty Cash - Vending	150.00
IPSC Account	19,901.12
Purchasing Account	420.01
Money Market Account	44,732.72
Securities Account	2,307.59
Total Checking/Savings	105,156.86
Other Current Assets	
1340 - Securities at Cost	197,692.41
Total Other Current Assets	197,692.41
Total Current Assets	302,849.27
Fixed Assets	
Buildings	
Pole Barn	69,893.00
Total Buildings	69,893.00
Land	29,321.25
Accumulated Depreciation	
Buildings	-896.06
Total Accumulated Depreciation	-896.06
Total Fixed Assets	98,318.19
TOTAL ASSETS	401,167.46
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Members Net Assets	122,695.07
Change in Net Assets	251,884.34
Net Income	26,588.05
Total Equity	401,167.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	401,167.46

Club Spotlight

The Club Spotlight is a new featured article. Its purpose is to showcase members, past and present who have contributed and have had a positive impact to the building of our organization and outdoors sports in general. Members are encouraged to contact newsletter@scsfa.org with suggestions and information for future Club Spotlight articles.

Featured in this issue the Club Spotlight is:

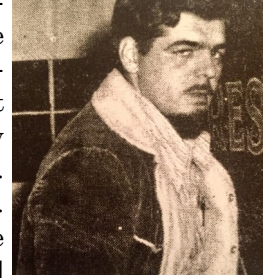
Eugene F. Dryden

“Gene”

Gene first joined the Club in 1966. During that time 4 decades of service was provided by Gene, in one form or another. Gene has served as an officer, director; as the chairman to various club committees and is a Lifetime Member of the Club. Gene acted as a club’s delegate to the PA Federation of Sportsman’s Clubs and also served as the Federation President . Gene was a Hunter Safety Education instructor for 38 years; is an avid hunter of White-tails and Pheasants as well as a Trap Shooter.

If you run into Gene at the Club, be sure to say Hi and thank him for his service. If you’re interested in learning some Club history, Gene is a good one to see. He is always willing to share a story or two.

Photo is from the December 1972 issue of the SCCS&FA News Bulletin. Photo was taken at the General Monthly Meeting held at the So. Chester Co. Rescue Asso. Building located at the corner of E. Linden and N. Broad St. in Kennett Sq.



Member’s Corner

The Member’s Corner is another new article. Its purpose is for members to share photos and experiences. Members may submit photos and details to newsletter@scsfa.org for future articles. Photos from big and small game outing should be plentiful.

In November, my son John, a fishing buddy Bob and I left for what is becoming an annual tradition, heading North to Olcott NY, on the shore of Lake Ontario to fish the tributaries for Salmon, Brown Trout and for me, the elusive Steelhead. We can visit many creeks in the course of our



week stay, but having a house in the Olcott Marina put us about 4 miles from Burt Dam on the 18 Mile Creek and about 30 minutes from the Oak Orchard Creek to fish the Waterport Dam or the Archer’s Club. What a wonderful way to spend a week!



Club Officers, Contacts and Important Dates

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Fish & Boat Commission Southeast Region:

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General Meeting Dates:

February 26 @ 7:00pm
March 26 @ 7:00pm
April 30 @ 7:00pm
May 28 @ 7:00pm
June 25 @ 7:00pm

Executive Meeting Dates:

February 12 @ 7:00pm
March 12 @ 7:00pm
April 9 @ 7:00pm
May 14 @ 7:00pm
June 11 @ 7:00pm

Dates:

2019 Fishing License Needed	January 1
Last Day of Trout	February 28
First Regional Trout Day	March 30
Turkey Youth Hunt	April 20
First Day Spring Gobbler	April 27