

Southern Chester County

Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association



July-August-September 2010

## **Upcoming Events**

### **NRA Junior Rifle Program**

The Junior shooting program will start on Sunday, September 12, at 1pm in the clubhouse under the direction of Charlie Sutton. The NRA Basic Rifle program will be taught, which includes basic safety, the four shooting positions and nomenclature of the equipment. The course lasts eight weeks and includes range time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> week. The class is limited to 12 students.

There is a nominal fee to cover the NRA course packet. Parents must supply the .22 long rifle ammunition that is used. This can be ordered at the first meeting. The club has 4 bolt action rifles for use, or you can use your own single shot bolt action rifle. Eye & Ear protection must be worn, as well as shoes on the ranges. To sign up or for more information contact Charlie Sutton at [www.csutton@csutton.com](mailto:www.csutton@csutton.com)

The lead instructor will be Dave Hutchins, assisted by John Flynn and Gordon Hendry, all NRA certified instructors. Ned Hogan will assist as coach.

### **Field Day**

Our annual field day will be held, Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 10am to 4pm. Bring the family to visit your club and see the demonstrations:

On the ranges will be Black Powder Demonstrations, the Wild Turkey Federation's Jakes, and Gatlin Gun demonstrations. One gun is documented as being at San Juan Hill; do you know when and where this was?

## **In the Club House**

Renew your membership, with our membership secretary, Amy Jo Hutchins. Remember to bring proof of NRA membership such as your card or magazine label. We accept cash, check or credit card. New member orientation sign up/meetings will be held at 11am – 1pm – and 3pm if needed. Pass the word to your friends and neighbors that want to join the club.

Trap shooting: relays will be run on the range starting at 11am.

Ray Caba will have Archery demonstrations in the indoor range.

## **Training:**

Planning on going south this winter and want to take your “personal protection” with you. The Utah Concealed Carry Class allows you to carry in 36 States (some have specifics). The class is will be presented in November or December. For information call Mark Garfinkel, Utah certified trainer at 302.528.5940 or [ameritas@msn.com](mailto:ameritas@msn.com) to sign up or for questions. The class is administrative and no firing is required.

Need other training: NRA Courses are offered in Basic pistol, rifle, shotgun, home firearms safety, personal protection inside and outside the home, Delaware Concealed Carry Training and Women on Target. Instructor level courses on the above can also be scheduled. For information contact Mark Garfinkel, NRA Training Counsler. It is hoped that the training will increase the safety awareness among club members.

Have a question; these are the links for information on concealed carry:

Delaware law

[http://courts.state.de.us/How%20To/Licenses%20and%20Registrations/?code\\_ccdw.html](http://courts.state.de.us/How%20To/Licenses%20and%20Registrations/?code_ccdw.html)

Delaware forms

<http://courts.delaware.gov/forms/download.aspx?ID=33068>

PA permit, application by mail is \$26.00 for 5 years

[www.co.centre.pa.us/sheriff/license\\_application.asp](http://www.co.centre.pa.us/sheriff/license_application.asp)

NJ Gun Rules [http://www.njsp.org/about/fire\\_trans.html](http://www.njsp.org/about/fire_trans.html)

## **Out Door Deer Archery Hunt Members only**

Sealed bid to be opened on Field Day, September 25, 2010 at 3pm for hunting on the club property. Send your bid to Rich DeBracco, 362 Little Creek Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352-9731 or call 484.574.4093. Only 2 hunters per day for all season.

## **Cap ‘ Ball Revolver Bowling Pin match**

We are planning this match for the end of October, our testing of the NuBold bowling pins proved successful. The targets stand up well to the repeated abuse of large spheres of soft lead even at the maximum powder charges from large frame revolvers with no safety issues observed. The scoring system will be based on both hits and time. More information and the date to follow.

The winner of our Black Powder match held June 26 was Doug Lawton. The match consisted of 25 total shots plus 2 tie breakers shot at a practice target to be used in the event of a tie. The “FUN” target was considered the most challenging with 10 pictures of items such as a feather that was to be shot directly in half to score and a candle where only the flame was the scoring portion of the target. .

Fred Long (Brandywine Long Rifles) will be placing an order for Black powder. The price is \$13.60 per pound. To order send an email to Drew Gregg at [simillus2@msn.com](mailto:simillus2@msn.com) . Include the number of pounds and grain size (IF thru 4F is available). Money is due upon delivery. We need 25# to place an order for GOEX, with a maximum order of 50#.

## **Halloween Party**

Our annual party for folks 17 and under will be held Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 5pm to 10pm. Music, Dancing, costume contest, candy, all for a donation of \$5.00 which benefits the club junior program. Questions to Amy Jo at 302.998.5450.

## **What’s happening at our Club?**

All our club meetings are open, and members are encouraged to participate. The regular membership meeting is held the last Tuesday evening of each month at 8pm. The executive committee meets after the membership meeting. New member orientation/signup at 6:30pm.

## **Gone but not forgotten**

Frank Britton, long time club member recently passed on. For many years he was active in Black Powder shooting and served as the Club Black Powder Chairman.

The following pages are excerpts from the notes of our club secretary David Jahn, the club minutes are read in full at each meeting and approved for content.



Overhead baffle installation on the 100 yard range starting in July. This will improve the range safety. When done we will comply with the “no Blue Sky” rule, meaning you cannot misfire in the air from the shooting positions. Periodic range closure will occur during this project. If you are able to provide labor assistance, please sign up in the clubhouse foyer or contact Dave at [www.vice-pres@sccfa.org](mailto:www.vice-pres@sccfa.org). Please indicate the times you are available and your skills. We plan to do all the ranges during the next year. Want to know what a 2x8 weighs – ask Charlie Fountain.

### **Range Safety**

All firearms must be pointed down range at all times, when not in use, empty of all ammunition and the have chamber locked open. The club voted to also phase in the use of chamber flags/empty chamber indicators on all the rifle/pistol ranges. A supply was placed on the ranges and is available in the clubhouse vending machine. Questions on this to Warren Goodwin- Safety Director. This will amend rule No.3 for the 15,25,50,75 and 100 yard ranges. Read the rules on range use and firing times. A violation of the township regulation 94-03 can jeopardize our club as well as cost the violator a large fine.

## **Property Survey**

Jim Aiken is surveying the club property, placing the necessary markers. This will include the entrance road. The neighboring property (Walton) is being timbered. A site map is posted in the club house.

## **Alternative Targets**

Warren Godwin is investigating the use of targets, other than paper and will report his findings to the club at the October meeting.

## **East & West Marlborough Township Police**

Derek Strine said the police were impressed with our video system and compliance with the township rules. A motion was passed to extend club access to the Chief and Lieutenant while on official duty.

## **Pistol**

We had 50 shooters at June's match and 62 in July. The IPSC match is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Check the club calendar for time and information.

## **Shotgun**

We had 53 rounds of trap in June and 71 in July. The range is open to members and the public every Sunday from 12 noon to 4pm. The cost is \$4.00 per round.

## **Passed on:**

William J. O'Leary, age 71 of Kennett Square, Pa died July 15<sup>th</sup> 2010. Bill was a long time club member serving on the executive committee for many decades and as association treasurer & Trap committee Chairman.

## **Treasurers Report**

Specific income and expenses are read at each Club meeting. At the close of the month our balances were \$8,627.83 in the checking account and \$50,823.05 in the saving account. This is about average for our club and will increase next month as the dues start to come in.

## **Membership**

We continue to grow each year. Currently we have 1018 members. We welcome new members the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm for an orientation. Other questions on membership should be directed to the membership secretary at [membership@sccsfa.org](mailto:membership@sccsfa.org)

## Lake & Fishing



The excessive heat this summer caused a small fish kill in the shallow areas. Derek Strine will get prices for either excavating a deep spot in lake or by pumping in more cool water. Is there a better way to spend an afternoon???

## Lighting Strike

We had a huge hit near the club, this knocked out the gate, several cameras and the PC system. This caused a large amount of work for the IT committee and others. The damage may be covered in part by the insurance, all systems are again functional.

## IT Committee

The committee is in the process of upgrading the router and stabilizing the internet connection. They are also building a mail server to send out the Club newsletter 4 times a year and the monthly updates. This is extremely cost effective, and provides our members with current information. They have established a Club Facebook page. For us “older” folks it’s like going from a single shot to semi-auto, but it’s time to learn. Questions on Facebook should be directed to your grandchildren.

## Driveway

Derek Strine presented a motion to have the driveway paved for about \$4200.00 by Martin Paving with work to be completed Sept 2, 2010. We are investigating the deed to see if any of the neighbors are required to chip in.



**Volunteer Your Time To Help With Club Projects.**

**For information call:  
Membership director  
Amy Hutchins  
(302)998-5450**

**WE WANT YOU!**

We really do need you. Our club maintains low expenses using the labor of our members. So come participate.

### **Newsletter**

#### **Committee-**

Requires that you attend several meetings a year to keep up on current events, obtain notes

from the recording secretary to include and compose a newsletter like this one 4 times a year. 3 members needed. This is a major cost and labor saving for the club to send them via email, as well as improving member communication. Contact Gordon Hendry at [gmhendry@netzero.net](mailto:gmhendry@netzero.net) or 302.456.1656.

**Black powder** - We need several interested shooters to serve on the committee and help plan the matches and other activities.

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