

Southern Chester County

Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

January-March 2011



## President's Report To Members

Derek Strine

I would like to welcome all the new members that have recently joined our club. We have many different programs available for you to participate in or assist with. Attached is a list of the directors and committee chairs for the current year. If you have a question please direct it to them.

If you have a "junior" member enroll them in one of our many programs, all are taught by NRA or Craft certified instructors approved by the Board of Directors. Charlie Sutton will be glad to answer any questions on the Junior programs. Our last .22 Rifle program had a full house with 15 signed up for starting this year. The club supplies most equipment and we stress the basic principle of Safety.

We also have a full list of NRA programs scheduled throughout the year, with the upcoming Women on Target scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at the club. A list of approved instructors is on the club house wall and on the website under training. We welcome new additions to this list. Approval is made at any monthly meeting by the Board of Directors.

So enjoy, contribute and learn at your club.

## Safety Rules on Our Ranges

Warren Goodwin- Safety Officer

Check the club website ([www.sccsfa.org](http://www.sccsfa.org)) for any rule changes on the ranges. They will be published in the monthly news briefs and the rules and booklet will be updated. Our last change was to make the use of Chamber Flags (ECI) mandatory on the pistol/rifle ranges. We also changed the rules to permit certain targets other than paper. Bring your firearm, to the firing point in a **case**. Always use an empty chamber indicator/flag when on the firearm ranges.

## Black Powder Activities at the Club

Drew Gregg, Chairman



### "Spring Fellowship Match"

Saturday April 30,  
2011 10:00 am

Cost - \$8.00 for Members  
of SCCS&FA or

Brandywine Long Rifles  
Non-Members - \$10.00

Lunch will be provided  
This will be a fun match  
and will be an  
opportunity to come out  
and get some practice  
after a long cold winter.  
In-line rifles and Pyrodex  
shooters are welcome but  
open sights only.

## Have a question check the online rule book first

The club member information booklet is available on line to keep up with recent changes, if you have a question, check first. We have to abide closely by the range hours which were allocated under West Marlborough Township Ordinance No. 94.03. These change with the seasons and are posted on the ranges. Specific questions to our safety officer, Warren Goodwin, who you can contact at [safety@sccsfa.org](mailto:safety@sccsfa.org)

## Club Information Technology

Dave Markowitz – Chairman

We constantly try to improve our website and the communications to our members. If you have a suggestion for an improvement please contact me at: [davemarkowitz@gmail.com](mailto:davemarkowitz@gmail.com) Check your SPAM folder and add SCCSFA to your accept list. If you are using a work address, we suggest changing it to a home one. Many site block some of the words we use, such as firearm.

## **Junior Programs**

Charlie Sutton

We are just waiting for warmer weather, if your child is interested please contact myself and the program instructors to sign up. .

Charlie Sutton [juniors@scsfa.org](mailto:juniors@scsfa.org) Chairman

NRA Rifle [vice-president@scsfa.org](mailto:vice-president@scsfa.org) (Dave Hutchins)

Archery [ray.archeryschool@yahoo.com](mailto:ray.archeryschool@yahoo.com) (Ray Caba)

Fishing [fish-lake@scsfa.org](mailto:fish-lake@scsfa.org) (Sonny Maddalozzo)

Trap [shotgunsports@scsfa.org](mailto:shotgunsports@scsfa.org) (Steve Bunnell)

All instructors are NRA or craft certified. Minor cost for supplies, the club has rifles and equipment. The basic course consists of Safety, Safety and Safety along with a chance to earn your starting NRA badges.

## **Fish & Lake update**

Sonny Maddalozzo, Chairman - Fish and Lake

The Fish and Lake Committee maintains the lake, sees to its spring trout stocking and provides for algae control. The opening day activities this year will be April 2 and are among the most popular spring activities. The lake opens for the youngsters at 8:00 am. The seniors then join in at 9:00 am and everyone can fish beginning at noon. Retrievers may be trained in the lake, but cannot fish. Limit this year has increased to (3) fish per person.. The fishing and lake rules are covered in the club members booklet. Questions can be directed to myself at [www.Fish-lake@scsfa.org](mailto:www.Fish-lake@scsfa.org) or by contacting me at 610.312.9726.

## **Member gone to rest**

William R. Law passed away late Monday night Feb. 21st at Jennersville Hospital. Bill has served our organization honorably for many decades as Treasurer, Safety Officer, President & at times Secretary as well as many years as a Director at large. Bill has been a pivotal figure in the shaping of the organization over the years and will be greatly missed.

## **Civilian Marksmanship Program**

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) is a national organization dedicated to training and educating U. S. citizens in responsible uses of firearms and air guns through gun safety training, marksmanship training and competitions. The CMP is

a federally chartered 501 (c) (3) corporation that places its highest priority on serving youth through gun safety and marksmanship activities that encourage personal growth and build life skills. SCCSFA is affiliated with the CMP. You can order M1 rifles at a discount by using the club number. The number is on the certificate wall in the clubhouse or in the newsletter or by contacting Amy Jo at [membership@sccsfa.org](mailto:membership@sccsfa.org)

## **2011 USPSA Match Schedule**

Graham Smith

Southern Chester County Practical Shooters Association (SCCPSA) is one of some 12 clubs in the Mid Atlantic Section. We hold eight matches per year, one match per month, March through October on the third Saturday of the month. The club (our home club is Southern Chester County Sportsmen's and Farmers' Association) is located in the Kennett Square, Pa. area on Rte. 926 about 3 miles west of the Rte. 82 intersection. The 2011 match schedule is: March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 15. The SCCSFA 15, 25, 50, and 75 yard ranges will be used for each match.

Registration starts at 10 AM, walk through at 10:45 AM and the matches start promptly at 11 AM. Pre-registration is not required. These matches are open to the public and the entrance fee is \$20 for USPSA members, \$5 for Juniors and \$25 for nonmembers. Non-members may join USPSA for \$40 and shoot the match for free. We average about 50 competitors per match and we're usually done about 3:00 PM. Matches usually consist of 5 stages requiring 100+ rounds (you'll want to bring at least 150 to be sure of having enough).

If you have not competed in a USPSA match before you will need to be safety checked. First time competitors need to see me before 10 AM. This is no big deal. A Range Officer will look over your equipment to make sure it complies with the rules (your holster must cover your trigger guard, for example). You will learn the range commands that the RO will be using while you are on the firing line. And you will have to do a couple of live fire drills to show the RO that you can handle your firearm safely.

For more information contact me at [gsmith.sccpsa@gmail.com](mailto:gsmith.sccpsa@gmail.com).

## **Full Auto Firearms**

Doc Weitzman

Full Auto Committee. Members who want to shoot fully automatic firearms on club ranges must first be approved by the Full Auto Committee. You can email Doc at [fullauto@sccsfa.org](mailto:fullauto@sccsfa.org).

## **An open Letter to the membership**

Dave Hutchins - Vice President

For the past year our organization has had a Junior program in operation and have run a basic rifle course, Jr. rifle marksmanship program and 3 junior social activities. The participation in all of these programs has been very small and one of the participants of the Junior Program asked a question of the membership - ***“If the kids are supposed to be the future of the shooting sports and it is important to support these activities, why don’t our clubs members participate or bring their kids to the club to get involved?”***; of which I could not produce an answer. This question is aimed directly at each and every member of SCCS&FA.

Allow me to insert my critical 2 cents on the matter. I was born in 1966 so I got to enjoy some of the remains of the 1950’s era as far as the shooting sports goes. I began shooting at a young age, around 7 or 8yrs old and learned very quickly how important it was to value my second amendment rights as well all of the other rights afforded to me under the Constitution. As a youngster I had a tendency to hang out with an older crowd, usually my dad’s friends and acquaintances, many of which were pillars of the community and members of authority in the State of Delaware as well as the Federal government so you can see it was drummed into my head about Responsibility and the value of our heritage. Many of the people who shaped my life & taught my heritage to me have passed away by now and with each and every one of them that is lost, a little piece of the heritage fades with them. I look toward the youth as our/my future and realize that unless we can instill our heritage and the importance of preserving it into them, our heritage and the shooting sports will soon disappear.

In our everyday lives we seem to be so busy and caught up in some of the many distractions in life to be able to take the proper time to properly shape a young mind to teach them some basic life skills that will carry with them for life like - feed a man a fish, he eats for a day, teach a man to fish, he will never go hungry - learn to shoot and learn proper safety, this will help in the defense of self, defense of family & home, defense of country or to provide food for self or family - teach how to till the ground and plant vegetables, to provide food & offset the grocery budget - teach that this great nation, this beloved country of our owes them nothing, the founders set up our system to provide for one's self , the government is intended to provide. A child who values time on the range and firearms ownership will think twice before getting into a situation that could get them into trouble and possibly making them a person prohibited.

The goal of the SCCS&FA Junior program is to carve out a place within the organization where the children of our members feel they belong, a place where they are more than an accessory item to their parents, like mom’s handbag or dad’s trophy child. We need to put an end to the whole practice of the adult member wants to go to the range and shoot but has to drag the kid along or the parent can’t go. If this be the case, why did you have the children in the first place. They should be your number one priority and passing on your heritage to them and shaping

their young minds should be first and foremost on your survival list. They are not a burden, they are your/our future and we are counting on you to get it right.

I stopped in a convenience store a few months ago and as I was pulling into the parking space observed a bumper sticker that read "COMMUNISM WORKS!", The driver of the vehicle was a 20 something year old male wearing a tied dyed shirt, shorts, sandals & sporting a goatee. Communism Works?, very sad that as a nation we have come to this. How would you like to be his parents? He or his generation will be in control of the country soon. They are already the driving force in the voting population. History teaches us what effects communism/socialism has on firearms ownership and one's ability to defend themselves. Don't believe me, research history.

Turn off the TV, put down your blackberry, reschedule the meeting, give up one fishing trip with "Just your buddies" and take, no, Make the time needed to properly educate a young mind. If you don't take the time to do it right, there are others willing to take the time to teach them how to destroy your/our heritage.

I joined SCCS&FA around 1991 and at that time there were a lot of fun activities held at the club to the point where there was something going on almost every weekend. We had everything from fun shoots to social dinners and all that seems to have faded away. We as an organization have been reduced to just a fixture to use when needed and ignored when not needed. Since 2008 our clubs population has increased from 600-650 members per year to around 1100. I have watched our quality of member decline. We have a large percentage of our club population that really has no value in this organization or the preservation of it other than it being a "Cheap place to shoot". Please understand the organization has 2 types of members - **Assets**, the member who pay their dues, obeys the rules, acts responsibly And contributes more than their fair share back into the organization and asking of nothing in return - **Liabilities**, the member who pays their dues, complains the fee is too much, uses/abuses the clubs facilities, breaks the rules and does what the please until they get caught then pleads ignorance of the rules to resolve the matter, cost the organization more than they contribute and possible exposing the association to legal troubles .

Southern Chester County Sportsman's & Farmers' Association has 47 acres of property containing rifle/pistol ranges in distances from 15yd - 100yd, a trap range, an indoor archery range, an outdoors wooded archery course, a lake (stocked with trout each year) a camping area & a clubhouse. That is a lot of potential fun for just \$75 or \$100 per year, way less than it should cost to be a member. Let us stop focusing on what we do not have & focus on having fun with what we do have. I personally put in 600+ hours into the organization per year as do several other members working to make your experience at the club a pleasant & fun one, working for you (for free, as a volunteer) the members of the organization.

Now with all that having been said, You need to ask yourself, are you an asset or a liability to the organization? If you consider yourself an asset, Welcome!

please identify yourself and what it is you are Willing/able to participate to the organization, we can certainly use your help. If you feel perhaps you fall into the liability side and are not willing to change that situation, well, perhaps this is not the right organization for you and there are plenty of public and for profit facilities that may be a better fit.

Thank you for taking the time to read my diatribe and letting me (I'm not alone in these feelings) vent about the situation at hand, but please it was written from the heart and all that is asked is that you also take it to heart and dig deep to figure out what path you will chose to follow and how you will answer the question of which was asked of you.

### **Instructor Training:** Congratulations to:

Dave Hutchins for completion of the NRA Range Officer Course.  
Robin Marcello for completing the NRA Pistol instructors course.  
Steve Bunnell who is enjoying the FL weather while taking the NRA Shotgun (Trap), pistol and home defense instructor training courses. For training information look under training on our web site.

### **Crossbows rule change**



Ray Caba with Ballistic Box Target. To shoot Crossbows on SCCS&FA ranges, members must bring their own ballistic box target measuring 18" x 18". Ballistic box targets are available at Bear Archery, Bear, DE and at Dick's Sporting Goods for \$60.00. The box allows for easy removal of the bolt. Questions to Ray at [archery@scsfa.org](mailto:archery@scsfa.org)

## Membership Committee

Amy Jo Hutchins

Fifty two new members were indoctrinated into the club at the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Club membership now stands at 1132 members and it was standing room only as Warren reviewed the clubs rules. I am at the club every Sunday from noon till 4pm Or contact me at [membershiup@sccsfa.org](mailto:membershiup@sccsfa.org) should you have a question.



## Valentine's Day Party

Dave Hutchins

We held a Valentine's day dance party on Feb. 12th to benefit the Jr. Program. A fun time was to be had by all that attended. We had 13 in attendance (all girls) and some adults, mostly the volunteers that helped create the party. There was food, including a sandwich tray from Archie's sandwich shop on Newark road, cupcakes & drinks. We converted the archery range into a dance floor with sound being provided by Dave Hutchins as DJ with a sound & light effects show that provided sensory overload for the kids on the dance floor. Thanks goes out to those who attended & the members who helped make it a reality - Ray & Trish Caba, Dottie Berry & Amy & Dave Hutchins.

In the future we plan to hold more fun events but we need additional members to participate in the fun & also more parents need to bring their kids out to enjoy the festivities that have been created for them.





## **NRA Women On Target® Instructional Shooting Clinic**

Maureen Polhemus

***Learn to Shoot!***

**May 15, 2011**

**Where: Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmer's Association  
720 Sportsman Lane, Kennett Square, Pa 19348 (610-268-3739)**

**When: Sunday, May 15, 2010, sign-in begins at 8:15 a.m.**

**Agenda: 08:15am to 09:00am Registration**

**09:00am to 04:00pm (11:30 to 12:30 Lunch included) NRA 1 Steps Pistol  
Orientation**

**Includes; Introduction to Ammunition and the Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting**

**Introduction to Pistol Shooting from the Bench rest Position**

**Introduction to Pistol Cleaning, Storage, and Training Opportunities**

**Cost: \$35.00 Cost includes eye & ear protection, use of firearms, targets,**

**and ammunition. Clinic is rain or shine. Note: Registration fees for  
cancellations after September 13 will be non-refundable. Free goody bags for first 30  
registrants.**

**Contact: Maureen Polhemus (please, no calls after 9:30 p.m.) 610-793-1562**

**or gpgroup1@aol.com or Mark Garfinkel 302-528-5940 or via email at  
mark@delawarefirearmstraining.com**

**Send advanced registration and check (payable to S.C.C.S.F.A.) before May 8, 2011,  
to: Mark Garfinkel**

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Capitol Trail Wilmington, De 19808**