

Southern Chester County

Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

October, November, December 2011



President's Report to Members

Derek Strine, President

The Officers & Board wishes you a Safe and Prosperous New Year. As with any business, we continually seek to contain costs. As we grow it is impossible to communicate to all the members in person, I urge you to use the available club web site services. (www.sccsfa.org). Contact the activities chairman about any questions; check the club calendar to insure that the range you wish to use is open. All activities are approved by the Board with your input. Attend meetings, participate, suggest!!!!

The 1st Junior Rifle Bacon Battle

Dave Hutchins, Vice President

It was bound to happen eventually. When you have young people who come together to partake in the same sport and you have a lot of competitive spirit, someone is going to lay down a challenge. This took place on 20 November on the 75yd range. The Junior Rifle shooters were meeting for their weekly marksmanship shooting when a challenge was made between Sam Wofford (Marksman 1st class) & Shelby Jerman (Sharpshooter Bar 8). It's not absolutely apparent the wording that was used or who initiated the challenge but the gauntlet was thrown down never the less. As the Instructor for the Junior Rifle program, I set out the method to settle this challenge; we would conduct this matter as Riflemen, A 30 round duel. Course of fire consisted of 3 positions at 50 feet – Standing, Kneeling & Prone, 10 rounds each position, 2 targets per position with 5 rounds in each target for a total of 30 rounds, the spoils to the victor – 1lb of Bacon, provided by the defeated combatant. The clock was ticking as it all came about around 3:30 on a Sunday & range hours are over at 4pm. Joining in on the shoot off was Micah Watson (Marksman 1st Class), who was just along for the ride, but not really involved in the smack down. Let's just say the outcome was known before the first shot was fired. When the cease fire was finally called & the line was cleared, we didn't even need to go down range to declare a victor. The results of the aggregate score out of a possible 300 were Sam Wofford – 145 (no X), Shelby Jerman – 203 (1 X) & not competing, but scoring anyway Micah Watson – 136 (1 X).

Looks like Sam owes Shelby 1lb of Bacon.

Trap Range

Steve Bunnell- Chairman

The Club's Trap Range is open Sundays from noon to 4pm with the last sign up at 3pm, under the direction of The Trap Committee headed by Steve Bunnell. Cost for "Birds" is \$4.00 per round. Family members, new shooters and responsible guests are all welcome, as is assistance in filling the trap. Club awards are given for straight 25, 50 & 100 birds. Open all year, (except days club is closed) weather permitting. A limited supply of 12 & 20 gauge shells are kept on hand for sale.



Merit Badge Training at the Club

Shown are Scout leaders, Eric Adams & Scott Dembek with Scout Troop 31 from Chadds Ford, PA.

The goal today is to earn the Shotgun merit badge.

The classroom portion of the training includes how to identify and demonstrate the rules for safe handling

of a shotgun. The fundamental NRA rules for safe gun handling are: Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use. Next comes the various types of shotguns and how to identify the principal parts action types, and how they function. After the classroom instruction the troop moved out to the trap range for live firing where they demonstrated the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to safely shoot moving targets, using the fundamentals of shotgun shooting. Next step is to come back on a Sunday with Dad or Mom.



Information on scout merit badges is available at www.meritbadge.com. The club encourages various youth groups to use its facilities. Please contact the Board of Directors or junior@sccsfa.org for information.



Save 10%

If you are a veteran or military retiree, show your card at Lowes or Home Depot and save 10% on any purchase.

If you are a retiree your ID card works, if a veteran use your VA card. Or if you are a Delaware resident you can get a free veteran's license at the motor vehicle (DMV) office on Route 13 (behind Lowes). You will need your DD 214 or other ID.

More good news: Tri Care (Military system insurance) just added the shingles vaccination to its list of approved and FREE shots, this is a savings of over \$220.00 each and covers your dependent also. Shingles known as Herpes Zoster is similar to chicken pox and is a painful rash affecting mainly folks over 60. It is also recommended that you get a pneumonia shot, four weeks later.



Civilian Marksmanship Program Announces New Youth-Oriented Grant Program for CMP-Affiliated Groups

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) is pleased to announce the availability of financial assistance grants to CMP- affiliated groups benefitting youth marksmanship projects, activities and events. Five new articles are posted on ***The First Shot On-Line***, the CMP's electronic newsletter. Check ***TheFirstShot*** front page at

<http://www.odcmp.org/1111/default.asp> See summaries of all recent articles with links to the full articles. **The First Shot On-Line** front page also displays upcoming events and a link to the popular **CMP Forum**.

Editor's note: Our club is a CMP participant, if you have a youth group, the CMP, NRA, and the friends of the NRA all offer grants. It just takes some paper work. Someone at our club has done it at least once, first stop is to contact junior@sccsfa.org

Adult Rifle

Dave Hutchins & John Flynn, NRA instructors

In addition, the Adult rifle course was completed with the following adults receiving the following awards in addition to a certificate for completing the 14 hour NRA Basic Rifle Shooting course:

Robert Watson	Pro-Marksman
Stephanie Sarosky	Pro-Marksman
Charlie Beatty	Pro-Marksman & Marksman
Chris Meredith	Pro-Marksman
David Taylor, Sr.	Pro-Marksman & Marksman
David Taylor, Jr.	Pro-Marksman
Philip Jennings	Pro-Marksman
Ruth Zorzi	Pro-Marksman & Marksman

All awards are in the Qualification 4 position rifle course of fire.

Adult NRA Instructor

Congratulations to William J. Dolphin for completing the NRA instructor's course.

Pennsylvania Concealed Carry Permit

Joe Rogish Jr.

For years the Sherriff of Centre County, PA did a business supplying nonresidents with a permit by mail. The law was recently changed so that an electronic photo is required at time of application. In short, no more by mail applications.

Pistol

Rob Harper, Chairman

We completed 8 IPSC matches this year. All the matches were sold out and generated about \$800.00 each in profit for the club. Graham Smith was the Match Director. Additionally, we conducted the IPSC Chief Range Officer course to qualify those who help run the matches. We also held a benefit for the "Wounded Warriors" which with donations from participants and club members raised \$2,000.00. A schedule for next year will be posted after approval. Come join us, questions on matches should be directed to pistol@sccsfa.org.



Safety Committee

Warren Goodwin, Safety Officer

Empty chamber indicators, (flags). We ended the years test period with no problems, and we will keep a limited supply available on the range holders. A permanent Flag is available in the club house vending machine for sale at cost. We plan to expand the Safety & Training committee this year and have asked for members to volunteer to help with the new member training.

If you are interested in helping please respond to Safety@sccsfa.org with your contact information.

The advertisement features three logos at the top: 'WOMEN ON TARGET' with a silhouette of a woman holding a rifle, 'WOMEN ON TARGET' with a silhouette of a woman holding a handgun, and 'WOMEN ON TARGET' with a silhouette of a woman holding a rifle. Below the logos, the text reads: 'If you'd like to ... and never have, here's your opportunity! ** Learn how to safely handle a firearm ** Learn in the company of other women ** Learn in a safe, friendly environment ** Learn about safe storage options for your home ** Learn about modern or historic firearms ** Learn about competitive sport & leisure shooting ... Then Women On Target® is right for you! Includes NRA 1st Steps Pistol Orientation Class'.

We plan to offer this program again in the spring. For the dates and other courses send an email to mark@delawarefirearmstraining.com

Maureen

Our thanks to Club member Art Ghoul for the poster and to those that enjoyed the annual party.



The monitoring went well, other than a few broomstick collisions, everyone had fun and enjoyed the evening. If you have an idea for a club function, contact one of the club officers or present it at a monthly meeting for consideration.

Club Meetings

Louis Flanagan

All our club meetings are open to all members, come at least once a year, like you we have the same goals in mind and need your input to make our club better and better.



Membership meeting November 2011, Officers shown left to right are: Steve Bunnell, Treasurer, Derek Strine, President, David Jahn, Secretary, Dave Hutchins, VP.

The new business conducted was the approval of the Club's 2012 operating budget of \$90,000. Several expense items were: Electric Service \$5,040, Propane for heat \$2,200, Insurance, \$13,600. And like you our interest income was lower than normal at \$240.00 on our reserve funds. A new expense this year was the addition of "Potties" at the ranges and lake, certainly much appreciated at a cost of \$960.00. Steve reported that a preliminary accounting showed that we were about \$10,000 under the budget for this year. The money was set aside for several capital improvements that are not yet complete.

A complete budget is available for members to view.

Wonder what this is???

Our club suffered many lightning hits last year causing damage to the gate, IT systems (since moved off site) and other property. Old timers tell us that the area on top of the hill, near the 100 yard range was once an old Kryptonite mine, as we all know it has a powerful attraction to lightning strikes. The club spent about \$5,000 to protect our property with a modern lightning rod system.



Membership Report

AmyJo Hutchins, chairperson

Club membership as of December 27th stands at 1,129 members. Members that have not paid will be removed from the list at the end of the month. If you have any question on membership or the club call me anytime at 302.998.5450.

Fish & Lake Committee

Sonny Maddalozzo, chairperson

We had sufficient water this year to prevent any fish kills. Our new well is on line and we can add more water as needed. No vehicles (Committee and handicapped members excepted), boats, rafts, floating tube waders or swimming allowed. Meaning only handicapped members & committee members are allowed to drive down to the lake, no exceptions or excuses. For information on parking contact me at fish-lake@sccsfa.org. Keep in mind that ice skating or ice fishing is not permitted. We also added a "pottie" to the area. Stocking will take place again in the spring. What better way to spend a fall day.



Treasurers Report – Final 2011

Steve Bunnell- Treasurer

Our year ending balance in our checking account was \$16,708.23 and our saving reserve account had a balance of \$130,414.01. As of this meeting all accounts are paid in full. Questions may be sent to treasurer@sccsfa.org or asked at any membership meeting.

Summary Newsletter - Since we still have a few members without email, it was decided to mail out a copy of the years highlights at our club. The membership committee will send them out December 30th. It will include the new contact sheet.

For those that missed the NRA convention this year, the club received an award for the outstanding display of early flintlocks provided by Ed Weitzman



Current Events

Lou Flannagan

Grinding America Down (Editor's note see club calendar for next viewing in January)

The title is not an exaggeration. This video was viewed at the club house by SCCSFA members and it held our attention. It is truly an eye-opener that exposes the long term efforts to remake America into a Communist society, following a detour through Socialism. Curtis Bowers expended a lot of research and performed lengthy interviews with Americans and others who have perspective on the "Agenda" of the Communist movement. Many of those he interviewed are in their seventies and eighties, which means they have actually witnessed the steady progress of the reds in all their forms. Those under age sixty could be at a disadvantage in understanding the threats, because they may lack awareness of the evil history of Communism and its soul mate, Socialism.

Those are things that our current educational system and news media have worked hard to keep from public awareness.

Many of the objectives of Communism - Socialism have already been achieved or partially achieved in the U.S. Among them are the following

1. Undermining the moral foundations of our culture, including religion and family values
2. Promotion of co-habitation, feminism, government child care, homosexuality and other 'social justice' programs.
3. Thought control by means of politically correct speech restraints, including laws for "hate crimes".
4. Developing dependency on government funding and management.
5. Taking over the environmental movement and converting it into a pressure movement to achieve Socialist objectives.
6. Promoting submission to United Nations rulings and "laws".

This production is worth your viewing, is worth showing to your children and grandchildren. It's not only 'worth it', it's essential, because if we do not become knowledgeable about the threats, then there's no way we can prevent them from taking over. www.AgendaDocumentary.com

Junior Programs

Shelby Jerman



Badges earned by the shooters during the 2011 Season:

Brian-Marksman;
Sam-Sharpshooter;
Micha-Sharpshooter Bar 1;
Sean-Sharpshooter Bar 2;
Shelby-Sharpshooter Bar 9.

Congratulations to our youth team for completing the season, next year let's see a trap team, or better yet teams.

Junior Marksmanship rifle participants finished up the Season on a cold, but sunny Sunday afternoon 18, Dec 2011. Participants from left to right (standing) Micah Watson and Sam Wolford, (kneeling) Sean Klavens and Shelby Jerman, with NRA Certified Rifle Instructor and SCCS&FA V/P Dave Hutchins. Not present for the picture was Brian Zorzy." The NRA 4 position progressive qualification ratings are as follows: Pro-Marksman, Marksman, Marksman 1st class, Sharpshooter, Sharpshooter Bar 1 – 9, Expert & Distinguished expert.

Archery News

Ray Caba



On October 9, 2011, three club members Jim Chilcutt, Ray Caba, and Joe Schipani, attended the Seniors Olympics held in Harrington. I am happy to report that all three took the Gold Medal in their age class - over 60, over 70 and over 80. Guess the winner's ages. The Christmas invitational 600 shoot had 26 shooters. We took in \$208.00 for the club from the match and \$32.50 in the kitchen. High scores were Kurt Hoover with 592 & 32X, Corey Harting with 598 & 45x, Darrel Gehman with 591 & 34x. The high Senior Bow hunter was Joseph Dzedzic with 568 & 11x, male recurve winner was Bob Perkins with 502 & 3 x and most important was the youth winner (5years old). Sammy Vansant had a score of 397.

Upcoming Events, Our winter indoor archery league will start on January 9th - so far we have 17 signups. The dates and times will be posted on the club calendar. The tryouts for the World Archery team will be held January 6,7,8th. For information on archery programs at the club send an email to archery@sccsfa.org. We are also working on a 2012 archery deer hunt at the club – details follow.

Information Technology Committee

Dave Markowitz, chairperson

We currently have 98 “friends” on the Facebook page. The IT committee maintains your club website, sending out notices, updating the calendar and keeping the systems working. Our PCI compliance/Network Security scan was completed on 12/12 with no reported issues. We are working on setting up the network so that the gate controller and DVRs are more accessible remotely. This will involve reconfiguring the router with a VLAN for these devices, separate from the VLAN used by the PC's. As previously noted the lighting strikes caused a considerable amount of work and damage to our components.

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