



SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

An NRA & CMP Affiliated Club

The President's Report to Members

by Derek Strine

I have scheduled a professional audit of our ranges. This will be used to guide the Board of Directors in developing improvements for our Clubs ranges. It is obvious we need to upgrade our facilities to provide a setting for recreational shooters, black powder shooters, our youth training leagues, IPSC matches, Women on Target training and more. Please check the on-line calendar for range use. We hope to have this audit done by the end of the month.

As part of our administrative review, we decided to bring the bylaws up to current standards. The original Bylaws were written in 1947, with revisions in 1988. One example is the change in the treasurers section to allow electronic banking, we use it every day and this was unknown in 1947. Our plan is to solicit changes at several meetings, then send out the document for members to read and comment on, once done we will have a legal review and post the bylaws on our web site. □

Vice Presidents Report

by Dave Hutchins

Jr. Member Accomplishment

Shelby Jerman has achieved the Rating of Expert in the NRA/Winchester Small-bore qualification 4 position stage skill rifle course of fire.

As far as can be told, she is the first Junior in our organizations history to become Expert!

Shelby is shown receiving her award certificate from NRA Rifle instructor, Dave Hutchins. Shelby was also presented with a \$100. Saving Bond by the club. □



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The SCCSFA/CAF Constitution Class

The beginning of the 6 week Constitution class will begin this Sunday at 2:45 and go till around 5pm. The classes are provided by the Coalition for Advancing Freedom at no charge. There will be class materials available for sale but purchase is not mandatory to attend the classes.

You do not have to attend every class, but once have attended one you won't want to miss any of the others! □

SCCSFA Opening Day of the Fishing Season

by Sonny Maddalozzo, Chairman

We have over 1200 Trout just waiting to be caught, In addition to the stocking on 3/29/12 we will re stock with only trophy fish about a week later. Additional plans call for a Pancake breakfast in the club house in the A.M. So come enjoy your club.

This year's opening day is Saturday, March 31st starting at 8am for children under 12 & seniors. All other members can fish at 10am. This year we will be continuing the limit of three trout per day per member. Only members are allowed to fish at any time. (Guests are not allowed to fish.)



The lake will be closed the entire week prior to opening day of trout season. We need help with the stocking on March 27th at 9am. Bring a bucket and help disperse the fish. There is a new path to the lake & all members are expected to park in the parking lot by the trap ranges and walk down. There will not be any parking permitted on the grass area nor is anyone permitted to drive down, except handicapped members & Fish & Lake Committee members to perform work. A porta potty is by the fishing area. If you can help send me a note with your contact information to: fish-lake@sccsfa.org. □



Range Survey

Derek Strine

We will have an independent range survey conducted within 60 days to give a professional recommendation for improvements and safety. The cost of this service is \$250. □



**ANNUAL FIELD
DAY is
Saturday,
September 29, 2012**

NRA Junior Trap Program

The program will be held on April 21st, 28th, May 5 & 12th.

Rain date is May 19th.

The classes are full.

The lead instructor will be Steve Bunnell.

Direct your questions to Shotgunsports@sccsfa.org

Black Powder Blanket Shoot

Drew Gregg – Chairman Black Powder

The Black Powder Committee had a match on Saturday January 14, 2012 Starting at 10:30 AM on the 50yd range. This match was a "blanket shoot". There was no entry fee. Participants brought an item of

interest to muzzleload shoot of about \$10.00 in value. Here were some ideas:

- Cast round balls
- Shooting and/or cleaning patches
- Ball starters

- Patch knife
- Percussion caps or flints
- Small leather items such as ball bags.
- Items that people had



Drew Gregg tries his luck

and that were in good condition were used at the Blanket Shoot. Common caliber items for calibers .36 .40 .45 .50 .54 were the best. The match was open to all muzzleloaders - modern inline shooters were encouraged to attend! Open or peep sights were only used. (Sorry, no scopes were allowed). Patched round ball or modern sabot bullets were also allowed. □



Contestant fires his long rifle.

Membership Report

AmyJo Hutchins

Membership in the club is 1258 members as of March, 2012. Shown is the January orientation class of 30, presided over by Warren Goodwin, Safety Officer. We have a waiting list for the next two months, so if you have a friend that wants to join, have them send an email to

membership@scsfa.org. There will be no orientation class in April since this is a Primary Election Day. AmyJo presented a new member pro-rated fee schedule for approval. This divides up the first years dues into 12 equal payments, this does away with the wording initiation fee which was causing a tax problem and is a fairer way to collect the dues..no change in the amount. □



Weather: Clear, Cool and Sunny with the Scent of Gunpowder in the Air

by Lou Flannagan

Excellent turnout of shooters, showing skill levels that ranged from expert to “Has he held a gun before?” (me). The trap machine worked flawlessly and each round of shooting went smoothly. And at \$4 dollar per round, it's the perfect way to hone your shooting skills.

If you've grown tired with swearing at the news each day, you'll find trap shooting is also a superb method of relieving tension. And if you have not ever shot trap before, you'll discover that your hits improve from one round to the other; practice makes better!

Be aware that trap shooting Sundays are open to all, member or not. So bring along a friend or two. We begin at noon with the last sign up at 3:00 pm. □



NRA Training at the Club

Mark Garfinkel, NRA Training Counsler

An NRA Instructor's Course will be taught on Saturday 21, April and 28, April. This Instructor's course will include shotgun Instructor training and qualification. To qualify, Instructors must demonstrate the ability to shoot a minimum of 13 out of 25 clay pigeons on the TRAP range. TRAP range qualifications will be conducted on 28, April. A minimum of 10 students are required in order to conduct the Instructor's Course.

NRA: Basic pistol training will held on Saturday, April 14, 2012. A full day covering both classroom & range. Instructors will provide a handgun as needed.

Women on Target: Mauren Polhaus Instructor The WOT is a first step NRA programtaught by women for women. The class will be limited to 20 students.The charge to cover the cost of materials is about \$40.00. We will have aone on one instructor student ratio for the range. Class date is May 12th.Lunch is provided for all classes. Contact: mark@delawarefirearmstraining.com or call 302 475 4228 to sign up, online sign up is also available on the NRA web site, use our zip 19348 for the search. □



Treasurers Report

Steve Bunnell

The Club took in \$5,727 in January, 2012 and spent \$2,463.

The checking account balance is \$15,372.

Our reserve account stands at \$140,462. □

IPSC Pistol Matches announced for 2012

by Graham Smith, Match Director, SCCPSA



Our 2012 IPSC/USPSA matches will be on the third Saturday of the month starting in March and ending in October. If any match is rained out, there will be a makeup match scheduled. Please check the club calendar for range use.

The Following dates are scheduled: March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15 and October 20.

Setup starts at 8:00, registration opens at 9:30 in the club house, walk through is at 10:45. We start shooting at 11:00 and are generally finished by 4:00. A typical match will be 7 stages including one classifier. Approximately 140 rounds will be required to complete the match.

Cost for the match is \$20 for USPSA members and \$25 for non-members. To join, contact me prior to a match. We will be doing pre-registration again this year. E-mail notices will go out at least one week in advance of the match. Priority for registration goes to people who regularly shoot our matches, but a few slots will be held open for walk-ons. □

Junior Programs at the Club *By Larry Bickings, Chairman*

Spring has arrived and so have our Junior Programs. We will continue the Junior Rifle for its 3rd year along with the Archery program. Questions can be directed to: junior@scsfa.org or the instructor giving the program.

NRA Junior/Adult Small-bore Rifle Program

Sunday, April 1, 12pm – 4pm until November 4th on the left side of the 75' Range. Instructor: Dave Hutchins questions to vice-pres@scsfa.org
Black Powder/Muzzelloading - Not scheduled yet, Instructor: Drew Gregg questions to: Blackpowder@scsfa.org

NRA Junior Trap Program

The 12 hour course will start April 21st. We will hold both an am/pm class on the following 3 Saturdays. Please check the online calendar for times the class will use the Trap Range. To register for the next presentation send a note to Junior@scsfa.org giving the juniors name, age (10-14) and contact information. The cost is \$15.00 for the NRA materials. Steve Bunnell will be the Lead instructor, assisted by other club members.

Archery

Contact Ray Caba for times & dates. Contact: archery@scsfa.org for information.

Junior Fly Fishing

A new program, which is open to all club members, 14 and over, will be presented at no charge using the clubhouse & lake on May 20th by Dan Orgen with material (except fish) supplied by Orvis.

This is the link for information on the program. www.orvis.com/intro.aspx?subject=8249.

To register for this event send your name & contact information to: wcdanp@gmail.com

More information will be posted on the "What's New" later this month. □

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. □

Bang!

by Shelby Jerman, Youth editor

Bang! Without the NRA, you would probably never hear that sound from a firearm. When the National Rifle Association was founded in 1871 by General George Wingate and Col. William C. Church, their main goal was to promote and encourage rifle shooting on a scientific basis. Over the years that main goal has changed to preserving our second amendment rights, while promoting the safe use of firearms.

With all of the NRA's programs, you would think that at least one of them would be dedicated to safety, right? Well, you're in luck because not only is one of their programs dedicated to safety, but all of them teach safety. One of their most popular courses for children, called "Eddie Eagle" has reached over twenty one million children in America. Eddie Eagle is not a program that promotes or demotes the use of firearms, but primarily focuses on what a child should do if he or she ever found a gun.

Besides Eddie Eagle, other programs such as the Basic Rifle course, which I have been lucky enough to participate in, have specific chapters and lessons on how to operate and take care of that specific firearm safely. They supply shooting clubs with tools they need such as handbooks, posters, and videos to teach about safety. The NRA has done a phenomenal job promoting the safe use of firearms.

Another NRA Youth program is Y.E.S. also known as the Youth Education Summit. The Youth Education Summit is entirely focused on education. In the YES program, high school students that have applied for the program all around the country are chosen to go to Washington DC. where they tour the capital, visit historical sights, and meet national leaders, as well as participating in debates. The students are there to learn of course, about the importance of becoming an active United States citizen, but there is another catch. They are all competing for a college scholarship. At the end of the program a select few of the students win college scholarships for their performance during the trip. Personally, I think getting accepted to go on the trip would be more than enough, but winning a college scholarship would make it that much more special. □



Reminder: Trap Range

Steve Bunnell- Chairman

The Club's Trap days are 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. □



PA Hunter/ Trapper Course for Young Members

The course is given several times a year so that they may comply with the Game laws of PA. It is taught by experienced Game commission & club instructors. Shown is Nathan Heess presenting the instruction on archery hunting for deer at the Club in March 2012. □



Chester County Friends of the NRA Dinner

On Saturday, March 10, 2012 the 2012 Chester County Friends of the NRA dinner was held at the Red Clay Room in the Kennett Square Firehouse.

What a gathering for a fund raiser – all the money from this organization goes back to the local area clubs.

The event was again a “sellout” with over 400 attending. Looks like a stadium will be needed next year. The evening is filled with entertainment which included a live Auction by the “Colonel”, drawings and the best prize of all was a table drawing where everyone at the table won a “personal protection device” from Smith & Wesson. So plan on attending the next one. □



A room view of the dinner.



Cory Eck, NRA Field Director was the M/C for the evening.



Charlie Beatty, SCCSFA Director, grins as he learns he is in the final 16 for the drawing of the safe with a Kimber .45 ACP inside.



The tables of prizes.



SCCSFA Junior Editor, Shelby Jerman with her father Paul discussing the upcoming Youth training at the Club.



Legislative Committee *by Ned Hogan*

Recently 2 anti-gun activists from Chester, PA met with several PA State Legislators to push for a requirement that every bullet sold in the state be encoded "to provide law enforcement with more investigative tools." I'm not sure what other PA State Legislators attended, but the spokesman for Sen. Pileggi, whose 9th Senatorial District includes most of our PA Club members, spoke highly of this measure after the meeting. In addition to being Senator for most of us, Dominic Pileggi is the Senate Majority Leader and can use his position to advance this idea in Harrisburg if he chooses. Senator Pileggi was the Mayor of Chester, PA before his election as State Senator; the crime problems of that city likely shape his views on the subject of guns, ammunition, and their criminal misuse by gang members.

This is one place where PA Club Members/constituents can help by writing, faxing, or phoning his office: Senate Box 203009, 350 Main Capitol Bldg. Harrisburg, PA 17120-3009; email dpileggi@pasen.gov; 888-984-3478 to express their opposition to this proposal, which if passed would result in great additional expense to ammunition manufacturers, and result in companies either going out of business, or passing on these costs to law abiding citizens who are shooters and hunters.

Looking at the technical problems, the Remington Company alone manufactures 25 billion rounds/year of .22LR ammunition; virtually all of which is used lawfully for training and target shooting. Marking each bullet uniquely would require at least an 11 digit code on each .22 bullet to uniquely mark one years' output. Allowing for 10 years of production without a repeat, plus some sort of marking to show the manufacturer of any recovered bullet, requires 13 or 14 identifying digits (minimum) to uniquely identify a crime scene bullet. If the bullet is deformed or scratched by hitting something, as most are, illegibility of a single digit would render the rest of the markings useless for tracing. Engraving a bullet with 11 to 14 digits would also unbalance the bullet to an extent that it cannot be gyro-stabilized and would thus affect accuracy.

If the technical difficulties could be solved, the proposed law will still not solve any "problem" it is being touted to correct. Remember that the Gun Control Act of 1968 was authored in 1963 and pushed for 5 years by CT's late Senator Dodd, and was aimed specifically at choking off foreign competition from cheap surplus imported arms and ammunition. Senator Dodd's constituency included some of the largest gun and ammunition companies in the United States. The law required law abiding citizens to complete almost as much information to purchase a box of .22 ammo as it did to purchase a firearm; the result was 20,000 Domestic ammunition dealers went out of business because the profit from sales did not pay for the time required to complete and process the additional paperwork. Finally, the Government regulators themselves (BATFE) admitted that ammo sales records had never helped trace ammo or advance a criminal investigation in their 18 years of operation and recommended that Congress remove the record keeping requirement from the law. This was done in 1986.

Ammo registration having failed on a National Level, a State Law would fare even worse. A State law would not deter a criminal from purchasing ammunition in another State and using it to commit a crime in Pennsylvania. □

NRA Basic Rifle Course

Southern Chester Sportsman's & Farmers' Association will be sponsoring an NRA Basic Rifle Shooting course.

Teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for the safe use of a rifle in target shooting.

Available to age 12 & over

Materials, rifles & ammunition will be provided.

Course to be held on Sunday afternoons.

4/15 2pm - 6pm, 4/22 - 5/20 2pm - 4pm

Registrants must attend every session & show up on time to pass

If student is under age 18 please let us know & special consent forms will be forwarded to parent/legal guardian.

Registration is required - register only if you able attend all sessions.

Use this link to register

www.nrainstructors.org

Winter Archery League

by Ray Caba

Come join us on Monday night at 7 AM, to improve your skills, and compete with your fellow club members.

To view the complete gallery of recent photos click on the link.

www.gallery.me.com/dbringler#100456



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