



Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmer's Association

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Dues must be paid by December 31st, after that date you are no longer a member. NO EXCEPTIONS!

New Member Orientation and Dues Notice

AmyJo Hutchins, Chairperson

AmyJo reports that we now have 1353 members. With this year's dues notice, a question on the renewal form will ask how many children are on your family or senior family membership. Amy has tried doing a total by just doubling the family and senior family members and only came up with an additional 561. She knows that some members have 2 to 6+ children. So we

Education Coordinator—New position!

The Board appointed Stephanie Sarosky as Training & Education Coordinator at the July meeting. As our club has grown, it's obvious that we needed a central focus for our Training & Education. Requests from members for specific training shall be directed to Stephanie, She will maintain the club calendar to prevent conflicts, handle course registrations, schedule instructors and handle the many details.

If you would like to request an NRA training course to be sponsored by Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers' Assoc. please send an email to: education@sccsfa.org.

The NRA has courses which include Basic Firearm Safety, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, and Black Powder as well as reloading. Classes for both Adults and Youths are taught by NRA/ Craft certified instructors which are listed on the web site under training. We can also offer in-

struction in Archery and Fishing as well as firearms related courses for Scouts.

If you are an NRA or craft certified instructor of one the many sporting disciplines utilized at our association and are willing to volunteer your time to teach the association members in an organized course, please contact the Training & Education coordinator so she can place you on the list.

Here is a link to the NRA training site for a list of the course through NRA Certified instructors: www.nrainstructors.org/Course-Catalog.aspx



Shown above is Warren Goodwin, Club Safety Officer reviewing the rules with prospective new members at the July meeting.

may have closer to 2,500 to 3,000 people who could make use of the club.

Our final new member orientation for this year was held on August 28th. Currently all prospective new members and current members have been or are being notified when the question is asked. The dues notice was mailed on September 4th with payment being accepted by mail or at our annual Field Day September 29th or any given Sunday after Field Day up to and including December 30th the last Sunday of the calendar year. Also included will be a summary newsletter for those members having no email.

Legislative Action

Ed Weitzman, Chairman

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States reversed policy and said it would back launching talks on a treaty to regulate arms sales as long as the talks operated by consensus, a stance critics said gave every nation a veto. The decision, announced in a statement released by the U.S. State Department, overturns the position of former President George W. Bush's administration, which had opposed such a treaty on the grounds that national controls were better.

President Obama took the first major step in a plan to ban all firearms in the United States. The Obama administration intends to force gun control and a complete ban on all weapons for US citizens through the signing of international treaties with foreign nations. By signing international treaties on gun control, the Obama administration can use the US State Department to bypass the normal legislative process in Congress.

Once the US Government signs these international treaties, all US citizens will be subject to those gun laws created by foreign governments. These are laws that have been developed and promoted by organizations such as the United Nations and individuals such as George Soros and Michael Bloomberg. The laws are designed and intended to lead to the complete ban and confiscation of all firearms.

The Obama administration is attempting to use tactics and methods of gun control that

will inflict major damage to our 2nd Amendment before US citizens even understand what has happened. Obama can appear before the public and tell them that he does not intend to pursue any legislation (in the United States) that will lead to new gun control laws, while, cloaked in secrecy, his Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton is committing the US to international treaties and foreign gun control laws.

Does that mean Obama is telling the truth? What it means is that there will be no publicized gun control debates in the media or votes in Congress. We will wake up one morning and find that the United States has signed a treaty that prohibits firearm and ammunition manufacturers from selling to the public. We will wake up another morning and find that the US has signed a treaty that prohibits any transfer of firearm ownership. And then, we will wake up yet another morning and find that the US has signed a treaty that requires US citizens to deliver any firearm they own to the local government collection and destruction center or face imprisonment. As sure as government health care will be forced on us by the Obama administration through whatever means necessary, so will gun control.

Rifle at SCCSFA

Dave Stephens, Rifle Committee

Every Sunday the Junior/Adult rifle qualification program shoots on the 75yd range from noon—4pm. We follow the NRA/Winchester 4 position skill stage qualification program of standing, sitting, kneeling & prone positions with rim fire bolt action rifles. All persons age 12 and older can participate.

This is a self-paced curriculum setup to teach you the skills & discipline necessary to safely & proficiently shoot a rifle. In the process of going through the program you shoot to achieve skill ratings from pro— Marksman through Expert & Distinguished expert. It's not just boring paper punching, you are shooting toward a goal to win awards, medals & rocker patches showing your achievement. These skills can be used to give you an edge over the competition if you decide to participate in the national shooting games in Camp Perry Ohio each year. Frequently we will be having mini competitions pitting one on one & adult against junior shooters for bragging rights. Attending an NRA basic rifle shooting course is not mandatory to participate but we do however recommend that you attend one in the first year of participating in the program so you can achieve the formal training needed to shoot in the program. If you don't have an appropriate rifle or want to try it before you buy one, we do have training/loaner target rifles that can be used. The range is staffed by NRA certified rifle instructors & knowledgeable assistants. So far we have had 2 Juniors & 2 Adults reach the Expert rating with many more getting ever closer to Expert. You could be next, give it a try. If you are interested in participating in the program, come on out on a Sunday & see what it's all about.

What equipment: Any safe rim fire rifle—.22lr or .17HMR with open sights (no scopes or optics) **Cost:** Juniors (12—18) no cost, Adults over 18 - \$8 per skill rating packet. Seniors over 75 no cost. **When:** Every Sunday noon—4pm 75yd range. Please check the club calendar. **Length of season:** Generally April 1—November 30 (or till it gets too cold to shoot).

Congratulations to: NRA Instructor, AmyJo Hutchins who added Home Firearms Safety and NRA Certified Pistol to her qualifications and Dave Hutchins who added NRA Certified Pistol Instructor to his qualifications.

Thanks to: Mark Rowles for taking the lead as our IT Chairman and David Ham for that important post of Kitchen Chairman. Remember it's your club, come help when asked. All posts pay the same – A thank you from your fellow members.

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Field Day

Dave Hutchins, Chairman

Our annual gathering was held on September 29th from 10-4pm. Members were able to pay their annual dues, tour the grounds and participate in the many activities the club offers.



Preparedness Meeting at SCCSFA

by Charles Beatty

We had excellent turn out for our Preparedness Meeting at the SCCFSA Club House with over 35 people in attendance. The topic was Bug-Out Bags. A bug-out bag consists of the basic survival items you will need if for some emergency you have to quickly evacuate your home or community.

Emergency Management Coordinator **Chuck Fresse** was back again to cover emergency situations and what you need to know about the basic things needed for survival and information on our local and state government's emergency response and communications already in place. Chuck handed out tote bags with all this information for people to take home.

Next up was **Phil Sears** who demonstrated how he was able to put 40 pounds of food and survival gear into a 20 pound bag. The bag is a backpack designed for the backwoods fisherman to hike into his favorite spot. Food, first aid, shelter, rope, light, shovel, water

purifier radio, inverter, axes, fishing gear etc. etc. were all stuffed into the bag. Once he was done showing us everything he had in there, we were betting he wouldn't be able to get it all back in again, but for the sake of time we moved on to our next guest **Mike Kirkpatrick**.

Mike, years ago, had purchased a surplus M101 Canadian military trailer for camping and traveling. With it, he's able to carry heavier items like fuel, water, large shelter, air pump along other standard survival gear. Mike is also an emergency coordinator and fireman in our area.

These meetings are sponsored by the COALITION FOR ADVANCING FREEDOM OF CHESTER COUNTY. For more information on these and other upcoming events, go to our web site www.advancefreedom.org



JUNIOR TRAP CAMP, 2012

Our first "Trap Camp" was held for our junior members, age 12 to 17, during the week of July 16 to 20th, 2012. The group met Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am to 12:30.

Lead instructor was **Steve Bunnell**, assisted by **Jon Cowart** and **Gordon Hendry**. This was a joint presentation of the NRA and

the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA). Each session included basic instruction covering firearm safety rules and etiquette on the trap field. Each student ran the range, kept score & loaded the trap. The students learned how to pattern their shotgun and understand the pattern..

This was followed each day with two rounds of regulation trap shooting while practicing the fun-

amentals involved in trap shooting. Individual attention was given so that each student experienced the various birds with the trap set for a specific angle. The students were critiqued on their form and stance. The scores were applied to NRA Marksmanship Qualification awards.

Students may now shoot on Sunday to improve their standing. To qualify for the NRA awards, a Pro-Marksman needs a score of 11 birds or better, twice, a Marksman 13 birds or better x 4 times.



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Junior Trap Distinguished Expert Award

Luke Cowart achieved the rating of Distinguished Expert Award in just over 3 months.

This requires that a student shoots 19 or better, 10 times. Certainly an accomplishment for an 11 year old. Luke's positive attitude was evident at the first Junior trap program and he is now working on his NRA Distinguished Award which requires 22 or better, 10 times.

Shown presenting the award to Luke are Steve Bunnell, Trap Chairman, John Cowart, NRA Instructor. We believe he is the first Junior to achieve this status at our club.



The following students achieved Marksman:



Heidi Bechtold



Mike Cowart



Mike Zuba Jr.



Jim Crowley



Pepper McCulloch

Game Commission Designates Disease Management Area in Response to CWD Confirmation in Adams County

October 23, 2012

In a continuing response to the recent confirmation of Pennsylvania's first case of chronic wasting disease of a captive-born and raised deer on a farm in Adams County, Pennsylvania Game Commission Executive Director Carl G. Roe today issued an Executive Order outlining a disease management area (DMA), which carries special restrictions in relation to deer within the DMA. While a map has been posted on the Game Commission's website, the boundaries of the DMA are described below, and encompass a nearly 600-square-mile area of Adams and York counties.

As soon as the CWD-infected captive deer was found, the Commonwealth's CWD Interagency Task Force was initiated to address the threat of the disease to captive and wild deer and elk populations in the state. Task force members include representatives from the departments of Agriculture, Environmental Protection and Health, the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Geological Survey/Pennsylvania Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and Penn State University/Cooperative Extension Offices.

The task force will carry out the response plan, which includes education and outreach with public meetings and minimizing risk factors through continued surveillance, testing and management.

"This Executive Order will enable the Game Commission and Task Force members to monitor the state's wild deer population in the area surrounding where the CWD-infected farmed deer was found," Roe said. "We are relying on hunters and others concerned about wildlife to work with us as we strive to manage this disease."

As part of the Game Commission's order, which is part of the response plan, Roe used emergency regulatory authority to set in place a variety of actions that will impact hunters. Namely:

1. Hunters within the DMA are prohibited from moving high-risk parts outside of the DMA. High-risk cervid parts include: the head (including brain, tonsils, eyes and any lymph nodes); spinal cord/backbone; spleen; skull plate with attached antlers, if visible brain or spinal cord tissue is present; cape, if visible brain or spinal cord tissue is present; upper canine teeth, if root structure or other soft tissue is present; any object or article containing visible brain or spinal cord tissue; unfinished taxidermy mounts; and brain-tanned hides. Parts not considered high-risk include: meat, without the backbone; cleaned skull plate with attached antlers, if no visible brain or spinal cord tissue is present; tanned hide or raw hide with no visible brain or spinal cord tissue present; cape, if no visible brain or spinal cord tissue is present; upper canine teeth, if no root structure or other soft tissue is present; and finished taxidermy mounts. To accomplish this, the agency will contract with processors to be available at the check station to serve those hunters who plan to move their harvest outside of the DMA without taking high-risk parts with them.
2. Hunters who harvest a deer within the DMA during the two-week firearms deer season (Nov. 26-Dec. 8) are required to bring their deer to a mandatory check station so that samples can be collected for CWD testing. For those participating in any other deer season prior to or after the two-week firearms deer season within the DMA, bringing harvested deer to the check station is voluntary, but encouraged. Deer harvested outside of the DMA will not be eligible for testing at the check station; however, hunters may get their deer checked by the Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Laboratory, for a fee, by calling 717-787-8808. The check station is the Game Commission maintenance building on State Game Land 249, 1070 Lake Meade Road, East Berlin, Adams County. GPS coordinates for the building are -77.07280 and 39.97018. The check station will begin operation from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18, through Tuesday, Oct. 23, except for Sunday, when the check station will be closed. Details about check station hours for the remainder of the early archery and the regular firearms deer season, as well as the late archery and flintlock seasons, will be announced at a later date. The benefit to the hunter is two-fold: the Game Commission will cover the cost of having the animal tested, and the hunter will be notified if the harvested deer is found to be infected with CWD. The benefit to the agency is that it will be able to test a sufficient number of deer within the DMA without having to resort to culling deer simply for testing.
3. Hunters within the DMA are prohibited from using or possessing any cervid urine-based attractants. Such attractants cause deer to congregate in certain areas and increases the likelihood that CWD could spread if it is found in the wild.

Additionally, Roe noted that the order prohibits the rehabilitation of deer

within the DMA, as those deer will be euthanized and tested for CWD.

The order also prohibits the feeding of cervids, which causes deer to congregate in certain areas and increases the likelihood that CWD could spread if it is found in the wild.

Finally, those individuals with a menagerie permit from the Game Commission will be prohibited from transporting live deer into or out of the DMA, and no new menagerie permits will be issued for locations within the DMA.

The order does not impact cervid livestock operations, which are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture.

Roe reiterated that officials from the CWD Task Force, including the Game Commission and Department of Agriculture, will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the Bermudian Springs High School auditorium, 7335 Carlisle Pike, York Springs, Adams County. Staff from the two agencies will provide background information on CWD, offer an update about deer farming operations and discuss the potential management challenges should CWD be found in wild deer populations.

As noted previously, the physical boundaries of the DMA are: Starting at the intersection of Interstate-76 and the west bank of the Susquehanna River heading south along the River (21.8 miles) to US Highway 30. Westbound on US Highway 30 (18.3 miles) to Highway 116. Highway 116 towards Hanover (13.7 miles). In Hanover, southwest on State Highway 194 (7 miles) to Littlestown, then northwest on State Highway 97 (9.7 miles) to Gettysburg. In Gettysburg, north on State Highway 34 (14.3 miles) to the Idaville Road. East on Idaville Road (4.8 miles) to the intersection of State Highway 94. North State Highway 94 (2 miles) to Latimore Road. East on Latimore Road (1.6 miles) to Mountain Road. North on Mountain Road (6.9 miles) to Dillsburg and the intersection of US Highway 15. North on US Highway 15 (3.2 miles) to the Yellow Breeches Creek (County Line). North-east along the banks of the Yellow Breeches Creek (12.1 miles) to the intersection of I-76. East along I-76 (6.4 miles) to the intersection of the west bank of Susquehanna River and the starting point.

On Oct. 11, the Department of Agriculture announced that the positive sample was taken from a captive-born and raised white-tailed deer at 1491 New Chester Rd., New Oxford, and tested as part of Pennsylvania's intensive CWD monitoring efforts. The sample tissue was tested at the Pennsylvania Veterinary Laboratory in Harrisburg and verified at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

In addition to the Adams County location, the Department of Agriculture has quarantined three other farms directly associated with the positive deer at 6464 Jacks Hollow Rd., Williamsport, Lycoming County; 61 Pickett Rd., Dover, York County; and 295 Bremer Rd., Dover, York County. The quarantine prevents movement of any CWD susceptible animals on and off the premises.

CWD attacks the brains of infected deer, elk and moose, producing small lesions that eventually result in death. It is transmitted by direct animal-to-animal contact through saliva, feces and urine.

Signs of the disease include weight loss, excessive salivation, increased drinking and urination, and abnormal behavior such as stumbling, trembling and depression. Infected deer and elk may also allow unusually close approach by humans or natural predators. The disease is fatal and there is no known treatment or vaccine.

CWD was first discovered in Colorado captive mule deer in 1967, and has since been detected in 21 other states and two Canadian provinces, including Pennsylvania's neighboring states of New York, West Virginia and Maryland. Pennsylvania is the 22nd state to find CWD in a captive or wild deer population and the 13th state to have it only in a captive deer herd.

Surveillance for CWD has been ongoing in Pennsylvania since 1998. The Agriculture Department coordinates a mandatory CWD monitoring program for more than 23,000 captive deer on 1,100 breeding farms, hobby farms and shooting preserves.

In addition, the Game Commission collects samples from hunter-harvested deer and elk and those that appear sick or behave abnormally. Since 1998, the Game Commission has submitted for testing more than 38,000 free-ranging deer and elk for CWD, and all have tested negative.

For more information from the departments of Agriculture and Health and the Pennsylvania Game Commission, visit:

* www.agriculture.state.pa.us (click on the "Chronic Wasting Disease Information" button on the homepage),

* www.pgc.state.pa.us (click on "CWD Info"), and

* www.health.state.pa.us (click on "Diseases and Conditions").

To maintain harmony with our neighbors and remain within noise restrictions of the township, we must restrict the use of 16-inch, 50-caliber rifles such as these.



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