



Southern Chester County Sportsmen's and Farmers' Association

720 Sportsman Lane
Kennett Square, PA 19348

1st Quarter 2024

Election Results

John Oddo— appointed to Director

John has been a member for 6 years and is looking forward to working with the Club's president and board members to accomplish great things to enhance the club and the member experience. He also has plans to enhance the Cowboy Action Shoot over the next few years to bring it up to par with some of the other programs in the area.



Robb Mastnjak—elected to Secretary

It's Spring Time at the Club

SCCSFA committees are always looking for volunteers. Do you have a particular skill or passion or just want to get to know more members? Don't hesitate to reach out to any of the SCCSFA committee leads listed on the [last page](#) of this newsletter.

We would love to have you!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

SCCSFA is and always has been volunteer organization. Volunteers are at the heart of this club. And now that warmer weather is quickly approaching all of the SCCSFA committees are looking for volunteers.

Fish and Lake Committee

SOLitude Lake Management has been contracted again this year to maintain a healthy water environment. With that being said, volunteers are needed to join the Fish and Lake committee to help maintain the banks and area around the lake, Holding Pond and monitor the water flow. Are you able to commit a few hours a month to help keep the lakeside beautiful. Send an email to fish-lake@sccsfa.org and let them know.

Clubhouse Committee

The committee is looking for members to support its efforts to keep the clubhouse clean and beautiful for our members and guest. This year, Mark Meaders, the committee lead, has designated two days a month as clean up days: the 1st Saturday at 8:30am and the 3rd Wednesday at 4pm to make it more convenient for volunteers. Please email membership@sccsfa.org if interested.

Archery Committee

The committee is looking to start a Youth Archery Program for the club's junior members and is looking for adult members to mentor these young archers. Are you able to commit to a few hours a month to promote archery? If so, please email archery@sccsfa.org.

In case you missed it...

Fish and Lake:

Opening Day of Trout Season is just around the corner!

Saturday April 6th, 8am

Our scheduled stocking dates are Thursday, March 28th, 12pm and Friday, April 26th, 12pm.



This season we have ordered Brook trout to compliment the Rainbow, Brown and Palominos!

Kids Trout Derby will be on March 30th, to coincide with the PA Mentored Youth Trout Fishing Day. The Derby will run from 8 to 11 AM (the kitchen will open at 7am for breakfast). ****Prizes will be awarded****

Eligible Anglers

-  Youth anglers need a Mentored Youth Permit OR a Voluntary Youth Fishing License from the Commission and to be accompanied by a licensed adult angler to participate. With their License OR Permit, they can take a total of two trout (combined species) with a minimum length of 7 inches. Adult anglers are prohibited from possessing trout.
-  Anglers 16 years of age or older are adult anglers and need a valid Pennsylvania Fishing License and a current Trout Permit. To participate on MYTD, anglers over 16 must be accompanied by an eligible holder of a Mentored Youth Fishing Permit OR a Voluntary Youth Fishing License from the Commission.

Guidance for mentors

-  Youth should be capable of fishing on their own, with limited assistance from mentor.
-  Mentor should be fishing within a reasonable distance of actively fishing youth.
-  This day is for mentors and their youth, and not designed for large groups of youth fishing, with minimal adult supervision.

You might also consider arriving on Friday to stay the night at our campground for an unforgettable fishing excursion.

Once the Derby has concluded, the Lake will be closed to fishing until 8 AM, Saturday April 6th (first day of PA Trout Season). All the PA requirements and regulations will be enforced.

Archery

We've just wrapped up our Winter Indoor Archery. Folks enjoyed the comradery and fine tuning their skills. They shot 15 rounds for a total of 45 arrows at 20 yards. Winter Indoor is great to keep yourself in hunting shape. They then slide right into a short season of Indoor Small animal targets This short 4 week season adds a 10 yard target along with the 20 yard. Season starts,3/17, Sundays at 2pm, Mondays at 7pm. You will shoot 12 rounds- 4 arrows per round. Cost is \$20 and there is still time to register at www.sccsfa.org.



And don't forget, now that the weather is getting warmer, our outdoor range located behind the clubhouse has targets beginning at 20 yards through 80 yards



During last season's small animal indoor, Ryan Pardue forgot to change before shooting animal tart arrows and earned himself 2 robin hoods



Our indoor archery range isn't just used by members, we invited a local cub scout troop to use our facility so the boys could earn their archery merit badge.

In case you missed it...cont'd

Stop the Bleed Training Seminar

SCCSFA is hosting its second Stop the Bleed event on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6pm in the Clubhouse.

Cost is \$15 and is for members and their families only

The Stop the Bleed® campaign was created to “build national resilience by better preparing the public to save lives by raising awareness of basic actions to stop life threatening bleeding.”

As in the first event, Lenny Brown will be our instructor. As in the last session, students will participate in a short lecture and then get some hands-on practical time focusing on wound packing and tourniquet application. Once the course is completed each student will receive a certificate of completion.

There is still time to register for this event!!

Shooting Sheds Update

SCCSFA’s safety coordinator, Jack Conomon, recently installed signs that outline the RULES for the shooting sheds. **The rules are in place to ensure everyone's safety and the Club expects EVERYONE to abide by them.** These rules are also broken down in the Member Handbook, familiarize yourself with them before you head to the range. Any questions may be directed to Safety@sccsfa.org.



Member's Corner

The Member's Corner is the place for members to share experiences by submitting photos and details to newsletter@sccsfa.org for future newsletters.

Making the Hundred

Congratulations to member, Kevin Umbreit, for his accomplishment in the President's Hundred Rifle Match at Camp Perry in Port Clinton, OH. This match is one of the most prestigious matches of the week. The President's Hundred Tab is awarded to the top 100 competitors. Kevin finished in the top 8% of the 860 competitors in the July 2023 Match. Competitors must fire the matches using one of the three U.S. Military Service Rifles—the M1 Garand, the M14/M1A, or the M16A4/AR15. They may be accurized in a limited manner and utilize either iron sights or a maximum 4.5x scope, but the as-issued exterior dimensions/appearance and caliber must remain standard. The format of the match is simple but does not permit a shooter to take one bad shot: 10 shots fired at 200 yards, standing, in a time limit of 10 minutes; 10 shots fired at 300 yards, dropping to prone from standing, in a time limit of 70 seconds; and 10 shots fired at 600 yards, prone, in a time limit of 10 minutes. No sighting shots permitted and every shot is for record. Click [here](#) to read the full story.

All about the Alligators.

Newsletter chair, Liz Wolf adventured to Venus, FL with her best friend of 53 years to enjoy an alligator & hog hunt. "At the end of January, we headed to the Lightsey Ranch in Venus, FL for a guided hunt. To say this was an adventure of a lifetime is an understatement. The guides took us out on Thursday morning to hunt the gators. I learned, at least with this guide, you actually fish for your gator before you shoot it, What absolute hard work. We didn't have any luck so headed out to chase some hogs. Hogs are like herding cats but, man, was that fun. Once that was done and the sun was warmer, we headed out to get those gators because we weren't leaving without one. Our guides were amazing and patient in helping us find those gators since they weren't cooperating at all. The rush of catching and then having to shoot one was intense. We had so much fun and are now planning our next adventure...whatever that will be!"



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CLUB

April through June 2024

Date	Event	Time
2nd Tuesday of the month	Board of Directors Meeting	7pm
Last Tuesday of the month	Monthly Membership Meeting	7pm
Saturday, April 6	First day of Trout Season Jr. Member Fishing (under 18)	8-9am
Saturday (4/13, 5/11, 6/8)	Brandywine Long Rifle	10am
Saturday (4/20, 5/18, 6/15)	USPSA Event– all ranges closed for use (except 100ys)	All day
Saturday (4/27, 5/25, 6/22)	Cowboy Action Shoot	All day
Sunday (4/28, 5/26, 6/23)	Trap Shooting	12pm
Sundays (begins April 7)	NRA Marksman Pro	2pm



Important Club Info & Reminders

REMINDER. If the Lobby Guard is not working properly when signing in and out, please call the number posted in the lobby to have it reset.

REMINDER: There are phone numbers posted in areas of the club for members to call without delay when witnessing unsafe acts or behavior in contradiction to club

Legislative Information and Updates
SCCSFA posts legislative update 2 to 3 times a month. Please be sure to log into the member portal at www.sccsfa.org to see all the updates.

REMINDER All members are required to display their membership ID when on Club property and use their IDs to sign in and out

- 1. Always sign in and out using your membership card at the Lobby Guard Station.
- 2. Check the electronic bulletin board when signing-in for the correct shooting times and other announcements.
- 3. Turn off the lights in the clubhouse when leaving.
- 4. In-Bound traffic always has the right of way.
- 5. Maintain the 10 mph Driveway Speed limit.

Advisory
It's a PA Fish & Boat Commission violation to throw trash or debris along waterway or adjacent lands. This includes fishing line. Throwing away fishing line around the lake has become a major problem. It is causing damage to the mower, increasing cost for repair and labor. Please be courteous, remove your trash.
You are able to immediately report any Club violation or safety concern you witness by calling (610) 505-3966 or any of the other numbers posted at various locations.

Club Officers and Contacts

Club Officers

- President, John Primus** president@sccsfa.org
- VP, John Flynn** vice-pres@sccsfa.org
- Treasurer, Steve Bunnell** treasurer@sccsfa.org
- Secretary, Robb Mastnjak** secretary@sccsfa.org

Directors

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| Jon Hodges | Larry Bickings |
| John Oddo | David Ham |
| Jack Conomon | Warren Goodwin |
| Percy Reynolds | Don Sloat |

Committees

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