



Southern Chester County Sportsmen's and Farmers' Association

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Big Thank You

to all our friends, family and neighbors who came out to help us celebrate the club's 75th Anniversary at our annual Field Day in October. The weather gave us a hard time initially and we had to reschedule but despite the change we had a great turn out.

Another bigger thank you to all of our organizers, volunteers, vendor and demonstrators who helped make the day a big success. Without you this day isn't possible.

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In Memoriam

The Passing of a Friend

By John Primus

We are fortunate in an organization like ours to develop lasting friendships. When involved over an extended period, we at times have to say goodbye to a special SCCSFA member who has bounded with so many of us.

It is with a heavy heart to tell you that Sonny Maddalozzo has passed.

Sonny's family was first featured in a 1955 edition of the club bulletin. In the late sixties, Sonny enlisted in the army. Trained a Green Beret in special forces.

After his discharge, Sonny again became involved with the club. Over the years, Sonny served as an Association Director for 16 years and was a long-time chair of the Fish & Lake Committee. He was a familiar face to those at the Club who would see him mowing grass and weed eating around the Lake. After taking a break from the Fish & Lake Committee, last year he resumed the chair.

For me, the times shared over a half of century with him will be missed, but I think Sonny would say, "Sometimes you just got to go with it."

Until we meet again....



All about our 75th Anniversary Celebration

John Flynn and Joe Neuman

Our Field day and 75th Anniversary celebration was held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 after we got rained out on September 23rd. Door prize receipts indicated that approximately 500 people were in attendance. This exceeded last year's attendance by about 100 people.

In attendance was 148 members, 207 guests and 43 waiting list people. That is 398 registered visitors plus approximately 100 flea market, display, RSO, some volunteers and Committee people who did not register.

Ten door prizes were awarded: One \$50 gift card from Cameron Hardware in Oxford, PA, two \$50 gift cards from Targetmaster in Chadds Ford, PA, a gift basket from Wawa and six boxes of chocolate candy from Kelly's Kandies of West Chester.

Twelve vendors sold items in the Flea Market. All were pleased with the turnout. The Club sold tee shirts, baseball caps, Boonie hats and chamber flags with an income of about \$240. Displays included Weapons of WWII, Civil War carbines, Battle of the Brandywine, Eugene Reising Gunsmith, International competition guns, a box of honey bees, Veterans of Foreign Wars and a Girlznguns display. The displays were of great interest to the attendees.

Many thanks to Terry Hewett and her group of volunteers for serving food all day. They did a fantastic job serving hotdogs, snacks, popcorn, cotton candy, soda and water. A cotton candy machine was purchased out of the Field Day budget and will be available for all future events.

There were 3 seminars presented by our very own. John Primus gave a 30 minute seminar on the club's lake, John Flynn gave 30 minute seminar on "Introduction to Reloading" and "Bullet Casting" while John Lake gave a 30 minute seminar on "Precision Rifle Shooting".

The West Chester University Security Department presented a 40 minute K-9 demonstration that was attended by about 75 people. The Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company displayed a fire truck. The State Police were present all day with a display table.

Four military vehicles were on display thanks to members of the Greater PA Military Vehicle Historical Society. They also had an equipment display and a trailered 500 pound bomb. Two farm tractors were also on display thanks to the Walton Farm.

For the first time, we had musical entertainment for the day. Blue Grass music was provided by the Roland Zimmerman Family Musical Ministry and was a crowd pleaser.

The Veteran's of Foreign Wars had a good day with their Poppy donation program.

Shooting and archery areas were fully utilized with interactive activities for pistol, rifle, black powder, Youth program, cowboy action, archery and trap. Many visitors shot for the first time. Many expressed interest in joining the SCCS&FA and commented on how nice our facilities are. The lake was visited by many visitors and was a beautiful sight with the fall foliage in full splendor.

We would like to thank all of our Committee Chairs, RSO's and volunteers who made the day enjoyable and safe for our visitors. Thanks goes to the volunteers who handled the parking activity with great efficiency.



75 Years!

In case you missed it...

The Archery Committee has been hard at work...

Winter Indoor League 450

Winter league starts in January, Sunday afternoons/Monday evenings starting on January 7th. Here are the details:

- ◆ The league runs 10 weeks, 45 arrows per week, 20 yard targets
 - ◆ You choose either Sunday afternoons at 2pm or Monday evenings at 7pm
 - ◆ The cost is \$7 per night, youth under 12 are free.
 - ◆ Registration will begin in mid-December. Check the website for the link to register.
- All are welcome – members and guests alike! Guest must sign a waiver on the first night.

Outdoor Course (Byrd road)

We have made some changes and improvements to the outdoor course. Some butts have been relocated due to logging, pipes have been installed at both stream crossings and we have spread chips on all shooting lanes. This winter, we will have to rebuild some of the butts. Keep an eye out on the website for volunteer work days.

Outdoor Range (behind the clubhouse)

The outdoor range is ready!! It has been graded and seeded, the target butts have been set up 20 yards thru 80 yards, with the 80 yard butt being the permanent one. The range will need to be reseeded in the spring. Perfect for practice!



Have you noticed...

The club has made some improvements around the property.



There's a new gate at the entrance to the front field...



...a new LobbyGuard for checking in and out...



...and check out the safety rail that volunteers built around the lake parking area! You can enter lot from the upper side and exit from the lower end

...planted 100 green giant Arbovitae. These beautiful trees line the driveway to the club...



In case you missed it...cont'd

REFURBISHING A MANUAL TRAP SHED

On Sunday, August 27th, ten extremely competent volunteers showed up to rebuild an existing shed on the SCCS&FA trap range to house a new commercial clay pigeon throwing machine. This new facility will replace the manual trap machine that currently resides next to the trap shooting line. The volunteers brought all of the equipment that was necessary to do the job and worked tirelessly from noon until 5 PM to get the job done.

The renovation consisted of removing the rear wall, replacing all of the decayed lumber around the top of the old shed, placing 6x6" pressure treated lumber in the ground around the perimeter of the shed, digging out the dirt floor, placing 2 tons of stone to form a new floor and then replacing the rear wall.

Volunteers who participated were Bob Vannelli, Mike Devenney, Jeff McCabe, Bill Jepson, Steve Crouse, Scott Ely, Andrew Harhut and E. Matt Pezdek. The Project was overseen by Dave Bechtold, Chair of the Trap Committee and Vice President John Flynn.

The new trap shed will become functional as soon as member Jon Hodges fabricates a heavy duty table to support the new Lincoln SC-90 manual trap machine. This trap machine is of commercial quality and will far surpass the existing thrower in operation. Club members will be able to shoot clays in a spacious, safe area with a roof to protect them from rain and sun.

Many thanks to the volunteers who made this facility possible.



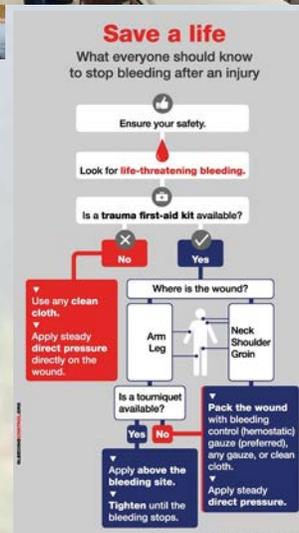
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Stop the Bleed® Event

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 following everyday emergencies and man-made and natural disasters.”

SCCS&FA has the opportunity to host it's first Stop the Bleed® event. There were 31 registrants. During the course, students participated in a short lecture with hands-on practical time focusing on wound packing and tourniquet application. Each student received a certificate of completion.

The instructor, Larry Brown has been involved in emergency services for 19 years starting as a volunteer firefighter in Spring City and obtaining an EMT certification in 2005. He attended the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences graduating in 2014 after completing the paramedic program. He is currently the assistant chief with Good Fellowship Ambulance in West Chester and serves as the lead tactical medic for the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team (aka SWAT). Additionally, he is the EMS Supervisor and Public Information Officer with Royersford Fire Department/Friendship Ambulance in Montgomery County. In addition to being a Stop the Bleed instructor, he also holds instructor privileges for the Pennsylvania Department of Health, American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI), and Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) for the Civilian Response to Causality Care (CRCC) & First Medical (FRM) focusing on the response to active threat events.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CLUB

January through March 2024

Date	Event	Time
2nd Tuesday of the month	Board of Directors Meeting	7pm
Last Tuesday of the month	Monthly Membership Meeting	7pm
1st Wednesday of the month	Facilities Meeting	7pm
1/13, 2/10, 3/9 (Saturdays)	Brandywine Long Rifle	10am
Thursdays	Archery ASAP Program	4pm
Sundays	NRA Marksman Pro	2pm
Sundays (1/7 thru 3/10)	Winter Indoor Archery	2pm
Mondays (1/8 thru 3/11)	Winter Indoor Archery	7pm



Important Club Info & Reminders

Shooting Range Reminder

Please remember to avoid handling guns and ammunition when the **RED** Beacon light is on and the range is **COLD**. All rules and regulations are listed in the member handbook posted on the website.

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.

Please do not discard the cardboard hoppers in the vending machines. These are refilled for the next guest

Remember, if you have any questions for any of the committees, the list of committees, and their contacts are on page 12 of this newsletter. The committee leaders are always there to help.

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.

Important Club Info & Reminders

Notice for Motion:

Allocation of \$10,000 for the purchase of a multi-seat transportation/ maintenance vehicle.

A motion will be made at the December General Membership meeting to set aside \$10,000 for the purchase of a used RTV that is capable of transporting four to six people during Association events. During the October Field Day, parking was restricted to the large field to the left of the driveway. People were, either walking to the clubhouse for registration or, being transported one at a time using our existing RTV. Attempts were made before the Field Day to rent a multi-seat vehicle but none were available. The current request is to approve up to \$10,000 to purchase an appropriate transporting vehicle that can also serve as a general maintenance vehicle. An ideal vehicle was found previously but was sold before the Executive Committee could act and advertise a motion to purchase it. The current motion would set aside \$10,00 that could be spent immediately when a new opportunity arises.



SCCS&FA Call for Nominations

We are still accepting nominations for club offices. The elections for our club officer positions and four director positions will be held at the December 26, 2023 General Membership meeting, starting at 7pm.

The requirements for these positions are detailed below. If you would like to nominate someone or are interested in running for any of these positions, please complete the [Candidate Nomination Form](#) online and contact nominations@scsfa.org. All positions are open for nominations.

Tips for current and future nominees:

- Provide a few words to champion your candidacy on the form
- Show up at the meeting
- Bring some supporters

Thanks to those who have already responded!



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, David Jahn** secretary@sccsfa.org

Directors

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| Jon Hodges | Larry Bickings |
| Joe Neuman | David Ham |
| George Phelps | Warren Goodwin |
| Percy Reynolds | Don Sloat |

Committees

- Archery
- Black Powder
- Camping
- Communications
- Cowboy Action
- Education
- Facilities
- Field Day
- Fish and Lake
- Full Auto
- Information Technology
- Junior Shooting Program
- Kitchen, David Ham
- Legislative Action,
- Membership
- Mentor Review Board
- Newsletter
- Nominations
- Pistol
- Rifle
- Safety Officer
- Shotgun

- Percy Reynolds
- Dave Stephens
- Vacant
- Barron/Meaders
- J. Conomon
- Sean Zhang
- John Primus
- Flynn/Neuman
- S. Maddalozzo
- John Flynn
- Don Sloat
- Mark Fenster
- David Ham
- Larry Bickings
- David Jahn
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- Elizabeth Wolf
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