



Club Bulletin

1st Quarter 2022

Southern Chester County Sportsmen's and Farmers' Association

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From the President by David Jahn



Being Club President is a demanding job involving at least three meetings a month and most likely more this year. It often involves meeting with contractors and fellow club leaders at the property to walk down maintenance and improvement issues. Meetings can run long, and progress often comes slow. I'm thankful to those who make the effort. I'd like to share some things we can look forward to this year because of our leaders and committee members. (Continued on Page 12)

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From the Editors Desk by John Primus

Although pleased with the newsletter over the past few years, I felt at times we presented past-due news. I wanted to add short monthly news brief to compliment the Quarterly Newsletter. However, in order to accomplish this we would need additional volunteers. The idea was presented to the Executive committee and our search began. I am pleased to introduce you to Chuck Chettle and Chuck Ditzel, who volunteered to assume the responsibility of the newsletter and monthly briefs. I have a feeling these two will once again raise the bar on the communications you receive. BTW, I asked to continue as a featured contributor from time to time.



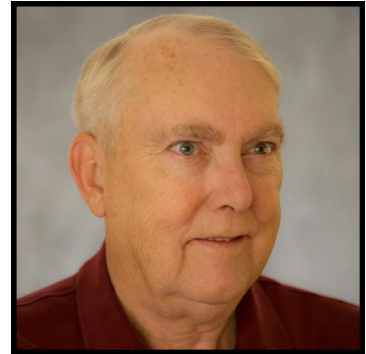
Officers Election (1 Year Term)



John Primus, Vice President

I am truly honored to have been re-elected Vice President. The activities offered and the fellowship of its members makes this an outstanding organization. I am grateful to be part of a dedicated leadership team which is committed to making positive changes and improvements to the facility and organization.

“I am honored to serve with the leadership of this fine organization, said Steve. While most of the officers and directors are concerned with maintaining the physical facilities of the club, dealing with membership and safety issues, my role has been to maintain the financial health of the club and ensure that our relations with vendors and various service providers are sound.”



Steve Bunnell, Treasurer



Rob Detweiler, Secretary

Rob stated, “It is an honor to have been re-elected as a member of the Executive Committee. I have proudly served as Secretary for over 7 years. I look forward to being a part of the upkeep and upgrading of our facilities.”

Directors Election (Reelected to a 2 Year Term)



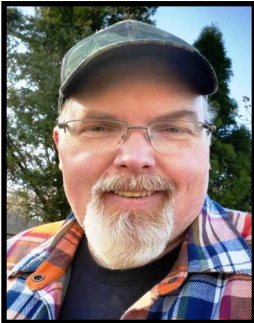
Larry Bickings:

Larry stated his “goal as one of the newly elected directors is to support the continuation of the improvements that have been happening for the last few years to provide our members with ranges and lake improvements so we all have a club that we can be proud of. “



Meet Jerry Downie!

Jerry is looking forward to his first term as Director. He stated “it is an honor to serve on the SCCSFA Board.” He hopes to use his experience serving on other non-profit Boards to help our organization as well as volunteering for work projects. Welcome Aboard Jerry!



Warren Goodman:

Warren was re-elected to another term. He served many years as a Director and as the Safety, Rules and Discipline Committee Chairman. He is an RSO and NRA instructor. Warren also conducts the new member orientation class and provided the voice-over for the online orientation.

Don Sloat:

Don said that he “works continually to improve the club through technology and security enhancements as Chair of the Information Technology Committee. In my role as Director, I try to represent the membership in what I believe to be their best interests. I enjoy collaborating with other committees to continually enhance the facilities and streamline the operations of the club. The latest project includes enhancing the audio-visual system in the clubhouse to allow greater remote participation of the membership in our monthly meetings. My goal for the upcoming year is to assist with getting new member orientation/membership off the ground and to see new members enjoying the facility.

Director Elect to Complete an Unexpired Term



Charlie Beatty: Charlie stated he is looking forward to continue serving as a Director. His focus has been on facilities. "We have accomplished a lot over the last five years. If you come to the club you have seen the results." He also wants to give his thanks Joe Neuman, John Flynn, and David Jahn; and all the Officers, Directors and member volunteers for sharing their time to make a better club!

Election Results

Officers: David Jahn, President; John Primus, Vice-President; Robert Detweiler, Secretary; Steve Bunnell, Treasurer ran unopposed.

Directors: This year there were not only four 2-year Director terms but also an unexpired term due to a director resigning to create a vacancy. There were 5 members running and it was decided that the candidate with the least votes would assume the unexpired term.. The vote results were as follows: Warren Goodman 16, Larry Bickings 11, Jerome Downie 11, Charles Beatty and Don Sloat each received 10. A second run-off vote between the last two determined Don Sloat with 9 votes receive the 2-year term and Charles Beatty with 7 fill the unexpired term.

Education Sean Zhang, Education Chairman

Due to CDC guidelines, classes have been very limited both in disciplines offered and seat availability. Please frequently visit the Club Calendar found of the website to check for new, modified or cancelled classes.



David Lee provided this photo from the last PA Hunter Trapper Education class sponsored by the SCCSFA.

2021 Annual Reports

Article 4 of the By-Laws states: *“At the January General Meeting, all chairpersons shall present a report consisting of activities, budget and schedule for the upcoming year.”*

The following are the reports submitted.

Education Committee Report for 2022 by Sean Zhang

The Education Committee will continue supporting the Club in providing quality courses and seminars on firearm safety and education, reviewing and recommending course proposals submitted by outside instructors, and responding to members' demands on any additional activities.

Activities and Scheduling for 2022 are as follows:

- Utah Concealed Firearm Permit Seminar (twice) – February
- US Law Shield Seminar – February
- USCCA Law Seminar – April/May
- Long Range Precision Rifle Classes – Summer/Fall
- Intro to Archery Class
- Intro to Practical Shooting Class
- Defensive Pistol Classes
- Defensive Rifle Classes
- Youth Firearm Activities
- NRA RSO Class
- NRA Basic Pistol/Rifle/Shotgun Classes
- NRA Instructor Classes
- NRA Personal Protection in the Home (tentative)
- NRA CCW Class (tentative)
- Other activities may be added later

Fish and Lake Committee Report for 2022 by Mark Fenster

Stocking and Fishing was straight forward and a success in 2021 after 2020 had many restrictions due to COVID. Volunteers arrived for the workday to prepare the lake and preform maintenance to the area.

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Improvement to waterflow from the holding pond allowed the lake to maintain its water level even during the summer months. A new "Welcome to the Lake" sign was purchased and will be erected in 2022.

The 2022 opening day of trout season will be statewide on April 2nd. The lake will be stocked on March 31st at noon. We are working on the fish order now. As a reminder, members 16 years of age and older need a PA fishing license and trout stamp.

We will again be asking for volunteers for the cleanup around the lake prior to the first day and to assist in the fish stocking.

Throughout the warmer months we will be monitoring the water and looking to address duckweed growth.

Facilities by John Flynn

Activity	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Clubhouse Event	16	15	14	20	13	10	25	49	38	12	10	19	241
Archery, Indoor	39	33	35	25	21	19	19	9	22	44	40	43	349
Pistol	229	107	232	186	183	192	224	205	225	212	208	233	2436
Rifle	132	76	111	90	70	87	106	117	123	156	198	135	1401
Shotgun, Trap Range	29	17	27	20	24	19	19	22	9	24	51	26	287
Lake, Fishing	5	3	6	215	68	27	14	13	9	11	2	4	377
Lake, Other	0	5	6	44	8	7	9	1	4	2	1	1	88
Archery, Byrd Road	7	2	6	5	3	0	1	3	3	15	1	0	46
Archery, Back of Clubhouse	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	19	0	14	6	44
Shotgun, Shooting Sheds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muzzleloading	0	2	11	8	12	11	12	5	15	17	6	9	108
Full Automatic	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
Camping	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Volunteer Work	17	22	34	46	31	33	33	40	62	26	29	26	399
Total Visitors	474	283	484	659	439	407	464	464	529	519	561	502	5785
Guest Visitors Inc in above	51	15	47	43	37	35	35	54	46	59	85	58	565

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2021 Annual Reports Continued from Page 6**2021 Annual Full Auto Committee Report** by John Flynn

The year 2021 was uneventful as far as Full Auto activities were concerned. No programs were carried out and no new Full Auto permits were issued. Only 6 people registered with LobbyGuard in 2021 to use fully automatic firearms on the ranges.

We also note the passing of Dr. Ed Weitzman who was the Chairman of the Committee.

Looking forward to 2022, the Committee plans to hold two Full Auto permit days. One in March and one in September. During these events, we will invite any SCCSFA member with interest in fully automatic firearms to attend and qualify for the Full Auto special permit. Hopefully, this will educate and engender additional members to participate in full auto usage at the club.

In addition, we will try to work with Dennis Todd and his wife Jenny (both SCCSFA members, I believe) to hold one or two full auto workshops at the club during the year. Dr. Todd is a Class III dealer with great knowledge of

2021 Annual Junior Program Committee Report by Mark Fenster

In 2021 we averaged 3 Juniors from April through October. We focused on the NRA Small Bore Rifle Marksman program this year. There was little interest in other programs this year due to lack of availability and extreme high prices for ammunition. The committee participated during Field Day hosting steel targets including plates and a Texas star. (Not sure if the kids or the firemen were more excited on the range.)

The 2022 planning includes discussing a winter event to pilot SIRT, a LASR not live ammunition, indoor training. Budgeted money to cover costs of Award Packets for Marksmanship program and replacement of aging equipment and a spotting scope. In April we'll start the outdoor program that could include disciplines of 4 Position Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, or High-Powered Rifle. The committee will again plan to participate in annual Field Day

2021 Annual Reports Continued from Page 7**2021 Annual Legislative Committee Report** by Larry Bicking

It turned out to be an unusual year from what we're used to on the legislative front. Most action in the House and Senate at the Federal level have been put aside by the Covid pandemic . No real legislation was proposed or passed this past year.

There have been two court cases that will eventually affect us. The 6th district appointed a panel of 3 judges to hear arguments regarding bump stocks and ruled in favor of keeping them legal as the current law reads. The 3 judge panel was then overruled by the full 6th district court so it has not been settled and will probably go the Supreme Court.

A challenge to New York City's discriminatory concealed carry laws is currently slated to be ruled on by the Supreme Court.

Items to watch on the Federal level is the possibility the President will try to pack the Supreme Court with as many as 15 judges and nominate liberal judges who would vote against the current originalist court make-up.

Mid term elections are cranking up. We should be aware of who will be running to take the open Senate seat in PA. The seat is being vacated by a retiring Senator Toomey.

At the State level, the ranking house member Kerry Benninghoff (R) has twice this year blocked Constitutional Carry legislation from floor vote. We need to encourage him to let the vote happen because it would pass.

As it appears so far in 2022 the Covid pandemic will keep the Feds off-track until things get back to normal. When that time comes I'm certain we can expect an all out effort to attack our constitutional rights; including President Biden's wish to eliminate the Second Amendment.

On the plus side for this year, guns and ammunition have begun to come back on the shelves at stores. However the ammo prices have not yet come back to the low we had before the 2020 election and the Covid pandemic.

2021 Annual Reports Continued from Page 8**2021 Annual Newsletter Report** by John Primus

The 2021 objective was to create a quarterly publication to present information in an attractive, informative, and memorable format.

We continued to advance our communication this year by adding video clips, HD photos, and additional columns. Finally we were able to outsource the proofreading and my thanks to, Jim Bree, for performing the task.

What's on tap for 2022?

To keep the membership informed in a more timely fashion regarding current activities, I am planning to create a communication brief to be published on months between the quarterly newsletters. However, in order to accomplish this we will need to increase the volunteer staff of the newsletter committee of one to a committee of two or more.

Finally, thank you to all the members who took the time to read the publications and to those who sent me comments throughout the year.

2021 Annual Pistol Committee Report by Jon Hodges

Scheduled matches for 2022 are as follows:

- 1-29-2022 Steel Challenge
- 3-19-2022 USPSA
- 4-16-2022 USPSA
- 4-30-2022 Steel Challenge
- 5-21-2022 USPSA
- 6-18-2022 USPSA
- 7-16-2022 USPSA
- 7-30-2022 Steel Challenge
- 8-20-2022 USPSA
- 9-17-2022 USPSA
- 10-15-2022 USPSA
- 10-30-2022 Steel Challenge

Treasurer's Report

 as presented by Steve Bunnell, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report:		
	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
Checking Account	\$35,022.65	\$35,264.74
Savings Account	\$348,780.65	\$348,783.61

Southern Chester County Sportsmens and Farmers Association
Balance Sheet
 As of January 11, 2022

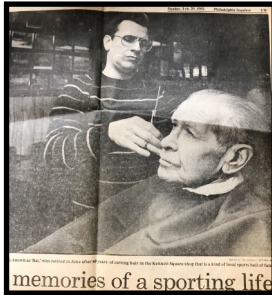
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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Merchant/Checking Account	35,264.74
Trap Account	7,898.52
Petty Cash - Trap	100.00
Petty Cash - Vending	705.00
IPSC Account	11,358.93
Purchasing Account	1,344.91
Money Market Account	348,783.61
Total Checking/Savings	405,455.71
Total Current Assets	405,455.71
Fixed Assets	
Buildings	
Pole Barn	69,893.00
Total Buildings	69,893.00
Land	29,321.25
Accumulated Depreciation	
Buildings	-6,272.42
Total Accumulated Depreciation	-6,272.42
Total Fixed Assets	92,941.83
TOTAL ASSETS	498,397.54
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Prepaid Course Registrations	1,220.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,220.00
Total Current Liabilities	1,220.00
Total Liabilities	1,220.00
Equity	
Members Net Assets	122,895.07
Change in Net Assets	375,260.82
Net Income	-778.15
Total Equity	497,177.54
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	498,397.54

2022 Range Renovations and Maintenance

You may have noticed a change in the appearance on the 100 yard range. To get all the details regarding range improvements, check out the monthly SCCSFA News Brief when it arrives!



Club Spotlight



J. Malcolm (Bat) Burton 1902—1984

If not for men like Bat, the SCCSFA would not exist. The 1st organizational meeting was held on March 16, 1948. At the meeting on November 23, 1948 the Executive committee appointed him to the newly created Junior Activities committee.

I knew many of the charter members, all good men. However Bat, was extraordinary. He knew how to connect to people, not only as a sportsman, but as a person, a mentor, and a friend to all whether young or old. I can say with all certainty, he loved this club.

In writing future articles about Bat, I hope you get to know him as I did.

Member's Corner

This is where members can share photos and experiences. Submit photos and details to newsletter@sccsfa.org



My son, John Primus II and I have been doing some Mid-February fishing. This 19" large mouth Bass weighted in at 3.69lbs. It was caught in Chambers Lake on February 19th
The kid is showing the old-man how to get it done!

From the President (Continued from the Cover Story)

The Facilities Committee has a long range plan and multi-year list of projects. This year's planned facilities improvements involve the lake, trap, and range areas. We have contracted with J&L Logging to select harvest an average of four trees per acre. Two landing zones established for the logging effort may provide areas to repurposed as parking at the outdoor archery course and lake. We will evaluate how much work is involved with converting those into parking areas when the logging is complete.

Lake improvements consist of a new dual pump, eight head aeration system which will be installed in late April or early May. However, prior to the install, we need to remove the existing failed aeration system with the help of volunteers during a planned workday. This is a significant investment that should improve the health of our lake. Environmentally recommended fish friendly chemicals will be introduced throughout the warm weather season to reduce algae, weeds and muck. Over the past couple years we have made improvements to increase the water flow to the lake and raise the water level by approximately ten inches.

The long-range plan for the Trap range is to install a shot curtain system to contain the lead. This will require the installation of telephone poles on forty-five foot centers with fabric stretched between them. Before proceeding with the installation, we need to get it right by consulting with outside experts to help evaluate our topography and determine if the current trap layout is optimal for future growth. Solidifying this plan and implementing this project is an important element of our environmental stewardship plan.

The Shooting Ranges will receive a complete makeover. Trees and overgrowth from the side berms are being removed. A low maintenance ground cover, shrub, or evergreen options are being evaluated for use on our berms.

Membership is a priority. The waiting list is long and nearly all of us know someone who has been on it far too long. Some of the backlog is Covid related restrictions and some is due to the resignation of one key person from our membership committee. The membership committee needs reformed. The challenge is finding someone with the knowledge and experience necessary to interact with the data systems and web interfaces used for managing our membership. Assuming the Membership Committee's funding request is approved at the February General Membership meeting we will be soliciting resumes from qualified people to work on a consultant basis with an incentivized compensation package designed to assure they process people on our waiting list as quickly as possible. It's important to note our intake process is designed to assure new members know our rules and can handle firearms safely. It's in our interest to maintain our proven process while moving forward.

Lastly, I'd like to touch on communications. Most emails lead to my inbox. It is overwhelming; responding requires more time than I can spare. I tend to prioritize by first handling items involving members service, membership renewals, late renewals, lost card issues, etc. John Primus has recently stepped up to help lighten the load by responding to emails. If you are waiting on a response to an email, please know we are doing our best to work through them.

Member Search

Help us identify anyone who was a member between 1948 to 1970. If you or someone you know was a member, please contact the [newsletter](#) or call (610) 505-3966. Additionally, we are looking for photographs to copy of activities on our current club grounds or from our previous location at Avondale Lake.

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Executive Meeting Dates:

February 8@ 7:00pm
March 8 @ 7:00pm
April 12 @ 7:00pm
May 10 @ 7:00pm
June 14 @ 7:00pm

General Meeting Dates:

February 22@ 7:00pm
March 29@ 7:00pm
April 26@ 7:00pm
May 31 @ 7:00pm
June 28 @ 7:00pm