



Club Bulletin

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Southern Chester County Sportsmen's and Farmers' Association

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Commentary:

This is one year the Pennsylvania Sportsman will remember and talk about forever. Limited trout shocking areas, the poor stocking technique and not knowing the date of opening day all added to a season to remember. Not to mention the challenge to find a fishing hole. With many not able to work, every day looked like the first day fishing along the streams. Hopefully, our hunting season will be much smoother!

Club Operations During COVID-19

**Club is Following Government Guidelines:
Practice Social Distance, Use a Mask.**

Club House, All Ranges and Lake are Opened.



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(717) 626-0228

[PA Fish & Boat Commission \(Click Here\)](#)

Creel Limit:

Regular Trout Season thru Labor Day

- 5 (combined species per day)
- Other rules apply for [Special Regulation Areas](#). Consult the [Summary of PA Fishing Laws and Regulations](#) for details.

Reminder: Creel Limit at the SCCS&FA Lake

- 3 (combined species per day)

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Education

Sean Zhang, Education Chairman

Utah Concealed Firearm Permit - Aug. 1, 2020
See SCCS&FA Web Events for Information and Registration

Hunter Trapper Ed Course

John Primus, Newsletter

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hunter Trapper Education classes had been suspended. The recent PGC update states location in designated a Green area by the Governor and may start class instructions. At this time the closest class will be held on September 19th at the West Caln Sportsmen Club.

To register or check on class updates go to the PA Game Commission website or

[Click Here to find classes.](#)

Tight-Lines

Mark Fenster, Fish and Lake Chairman

Approved repairs to the lake have begun. To date the work to the outlet drain is complete. The inlet and feed water pond will be starting shortly.

The Lake Committee is planning another stocking before the Field Day activities.

Campfire Tales

Jamie Nardozi, Camping Chairman

Due to COVID-19 the Post Winter Cleanup for the Camping Area will be scheduled in the near future. Please consider volunteering by contacting camping@scsfa.org

Archery

Percy Reynolds, Archery Chairman

COVID-19 also delayed the Post Winter Cleanup of the outdoor archery area. A work day will be planned once details are firm. Please consider volunteering by contacting archery@scsfa.org

Club Spotlight John Primus, Newsletter

The Member's Corner is designed for members to share photos and experiences. Members may submit photos and details to newsletter@sccsfa.org for future articles. Don't be bashful, send us information to share.

A proud accomplishment!

Kevin Umbreit recently achieved the Distinguished Rifleman Badge. He is one of 2,485 civilians to earn this distinction since its inception in 1884. Below, Kevin has submitted an article pertaining to the history of the badge and his accomplishment:

The history of the Distinguished Rifleman Badge dates to 1884 to recognize and reward members of the US Army for Excellence-in-Competition with the service rifle. Other service branches adopted a similar program and civilians were authorized to participate in the program in 1926. Pistol, smallbore and international have their own distinguished programs,

Distinguished badges are the highest individual awards authorized by the U.S. Government for excellence in marksmanship competitions. They are awarded by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) in accordance with 36 USC §40722 [3] and by the respective services in accordance with service regulations. The program for civilians is administered by the CMP.

Service Rifle is any rifle that was issued by the US Government since WWII – M1 Garand, M14/M1A, or M16/AR15. The best way to explain the discipline is that it's like NASCAR – it looks like one of these rifles on the outside but is permitted to be somewhat modified on the inside. My match AR uses a free-floated 20" Stainless Match Barrel, a 4.5lb two-stage trigger, an A2 buttstock, a 4x Leupold scope, and 7lbs of lead weights in the handguard and buttstock (for stability).

Service Rifle Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) matches are required to be shot "across the course" using the National Match course of fire: 10 shots standing slow-fire in 10 minutes at 200yds, 10 shots sitting rapid-fire in 60 seconds at 200yds, 10 shots prone rapid-fire in 70 seconds at 300yds, and 20 shots prone slow-fire in 20 minutes at 600yds. There are no sighting shots permitted, every shot is for the record.

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One must place in the top 10% of all non-distinguished competitors at an EIC match to gain “leg” points. The number of points achieved is 6 for winning a small match (6 to 15 non-distinguished competitors). To achieve the Distinguished Rifleman badge, one must gain 30 leg points. One must also achieve a leg of greater than 6 points at a larger match (8- or 10-point leg for winning a match of 16+ non-distinguished competitors). One may only compete in five EIC matches in a calendar year, plus the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match at Camp Perry (a 10-point match) and a “special” introductory match if one has not

achieved any leg points (Small Arms Firing School offers 4-points for placing in the top 10% of non-distinguished competitors).

It is exceedingly difficult to compete in Service Rifle competitions, let alone win matches with so many other talented rifle competitors in this general area. The name of the match says it all – Excellence-In-Competition.

I was able to achieve my badge in just three months last fall due to the amount of practice in match conditions (nearly 2,700 rounds in match conditions plus cross-training in Smallbore Rifle). It takes skill but also consistency to achieve the badge. I became Civilian Distinguished Rifleman #2485 to achieve this badge as of October 2019. I look forward to walking across the stage this summer at Camp Perry's Hough Theatre to officially receive the badge in the awards ceremony.

The next goal is to achieve the President's Hundred this year by placing in the top 100 competitors of the Presidents Hundred Rifle Match at Camp Perry this summer. I welcome any questions about the discipline or if I can help anybody start their journey to achieve the badge.

For more information about this competition, please visit:

<https://thecmp.org/competitions/distinguishedbadges/>

Rifle Range Improvements John Primus, Newsletter

Director John Flynn purchased and fitted the shooting benches with new mats.

What a difference to our shooting experience.

Thank You John!



Photo Credit, John Flynn



From Our Latest RSO Class



Photo Credit, David Lee

From Our Latest Mentor Class Including First Aid



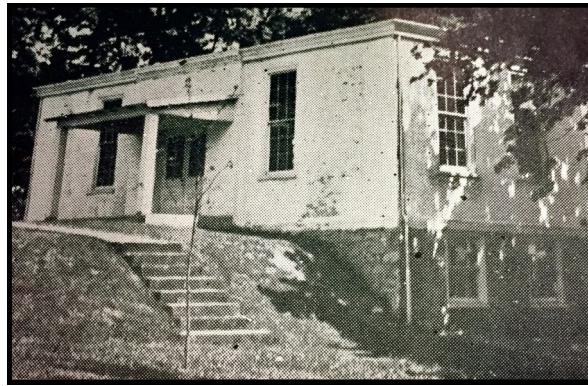
Photo Credit, David Lee

Blast from the Past! John Primus, Newsletter

The Mary D. Lang Community Center was the first formal meeting place for the Club. Monthly Club meetings were also considered a social event and always well attended. Refreshments were provided before and after the meeting. A Door Prize drawing and entertainment in the form of a movie about a hunt or fishing expedition. I have fond memories of Terry Silver preparing and serving the refreshment and Ray Silver running the big screen projector in the back of the room.



Mary D. Lang—Miss Mame—taken in 1906. She retired in 1928 as a first grade teacher in the Kennett public school. (Photograph courtesy of Kennett Consolidated School District.)



The Mary D. Lang Playground Building, (above right), serves as a center for a well-rounded public recreation program under the supervision of a full-time recreation director. The building, located in the center of the playground block at Mulberry and Center Streets, has adequate equipment for planned recreation for all age groups. Adult instruction classes and some scout meetings are also held here.

Mary D. Lang Playground

When the new Kennett Consolidated school building was finished and occupied in 1931, the school district had no need for the two buildings on Mulberry Street. The school directors decided to demolish both structures in 1935. Materials from the high school building were used to construct the municipal building at Linden and Broad Streets. The town began thinking about a community recreation facility and a portion of the old elementary school was left standing to be used as a recreation building. Three years later a playground was established under the direction of a park and recreation board appointed by borough council. Pierre S. du Pont donated new equipment for the playground. Two tennis courts were approved which could be used for an ice skating rink in the winter.

At "Old Home Week" ceremonies on June 14, 1940, the playground was officially dedicated as the Mary D. Lang Playground. Dr. D. Duer Reynolds, a former student of Mary D. Lang and president of the

school board, conducted the dedication ceremonies. Mary D. Lang, or "Miss Mame" as she was affectionately called, had taught at the Mulberry Street school and virtually everyone in Kennett Square who had attended first grade in public school for the last forty-four years had her as a teacher. She was also active in many community affairs and was well liked. At the playground education she commented, "I believe today is the happiest day of my life. In my wildest flight of fancy I never thought of a playground bearing my name where, in free and supervised play, the children of our town, especially the little ones, would be safe and happy." She retired from teaching in 1928 and died December 7, 1955, at the age of ninety.

The recreation board hired a director, and the playground quickly became the center for many community events. Bridge tournaments, meetings, dances, and community band practice were but a few of the many activities held in the building. The grounds served as football, soccer and two baseball fields. Two large sandboxes appealed to young children for hours on end. Next to the two asphalt tennis courts were basketball courts which occupied teenagers into the late evening after lights were provided.

An Independence Day Jamboree was held at the

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playground in July of 1948 that attracted more than three hundred children, parents and spectators. A pet show, athletic contests and novelty races drew 222 entrants in sixteen events. The pet show became an annual event for many years and was very popular. Such categories as the most beautiful dog or cat, the most unusual pet or even the dumbest pet encouraged children to participate. Usually there seemed to be just enough prizes for all the children who entered. More than two hundred bicycle riders showed up for the bike safety program in 1951. Under the supervision of the Kennett Rotary Club and the recreation department, the riders were put through a series of seven tests and had their bicycles equipped with tape for night riding. During the summer months the park and recreation board hired many high school students to supervise the playground and keep children of all ages entertained.

The playground courts were the scene of annual community tennis tournaments which had to be stopped when the playground closed in 1970 so the land could be used for the site of the Mary D. Lang elementary school. Three years later Shelley R. Taylor and John R. Merrick

held a tennis challenge match which raised over two thousand dollars to conduct a community tennis program on the new courts at the high school. Becky Desmond became the first tennis director for the recreation board. An annual Tenni-Tour has been held in the area to keep funding the program.



Mary D. Lang playground at Center and Mulberry Streets.

Lead Reclamation at Ranges David Jahn, VP

The Club has contracted with MT2 to reclaim the lead contained in the backstops of the rifle ranges. The process has been delayed due to the COVID-19 shut down.

To find out the complete details of the project, please attend the monthly meeting.

NRA Membership Requirement, John Primus, Newsletter

The Club recently voted to remove the NRA Active Membership requirement as a condition to obtain a SCCS&FA membership. Although an NRA membership is no longer required, make no mistake, the officers and directors support the NRA organization and strongly encourage our members to continue with their NRA membership.

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**Remember, it's time to send for
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