

**Southern Chester County Sportsmen's and Farmers' Association  
February 2011 News Brief**

**We have several items to pass along from the February general meeting:**

1. **Until further notice, effective immediately, crossbows may not be used on either the indoor or outdoor archery ranges.** The backstops are not designed to stop crossbow bolts. We are seeing bolts completely passing through and hitting the wall on the indoor range. Other bolts are getting embedded up to the nock in the backstop and removal is causing damage to the backstops.

The Archery Committee is investigating solutions to allow the use of crossbows at SCCSFA, but until this issue is solved, crossbow use is no longer permitted at SCCSFA.

Questions about the crossbow policy or suggestions to help resolve this problem should be addressed to the Archery Committee, [archery@sccsfa.org](mailto:archery@sccsfa.org).

2. Field Day will be held at SCCSFA this year on October 1st. Mark your calendars now. If you are interested in helping out at Field Day please contact our Vice President, David Hutchins, [vice-pres@sccsfa.org](mailto:vice-pres@sccsfa.org).

3. We will be holding an NRA Women on Target training session on May 15th, from 8:15 AM until 4:30 PM. Part of the program will be held in the clubhouse and there will also be a live fire component. (Range TBD.) Watch the website for further details and sign up information.

4. We will be hosting a campout of the Valley Forge Military Academy Boy Scout Troop March 11 - 13. The 15 yard range has been reserved for the scouts' use all day on March 12th. If they finish early it will reopen for use by the general membership.

5. The SCCSFA USPSA match schedule for 2011 is: March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 15.

Registration starts at 10 AM, walk through at 10:45 AM and the matches start promptly at 11 AM. Pre registration is not required. These matches are open to the public and the entrance fee is \$20 for USPSA members, \$5 for Juniors and \$25 for non members. Non-members may join USPSA for \$40 and shoot the match for free. We average about 50 competitors per match and we're usually done about 3:00 PM. Matches usually consist of 5 stages requiring 100+ rounds (you'll want to bring at least 150 to be sure of having enough).

If you have not competed in a USPSA match before you will need to be safety checked. First time competitors need to see Graham Smith before 10 AM. This is no big deal. A Range Officer will look over your equipment to make sure it complies with the rules (your holster must cover your trigger guard, for example). You will learn the range commands that the RO will be using while you are on the firing line. And you will have to do a couple of live fire drills to show the RO that you can handle your firearm safely.

For more information contact [pistol@sccsfa.org](mailto:pistol@sccsfa.org).

6. We held a Valentines day dance party on Feb. 12th to benefit the Jr. Program. A fun time was to be had by all that attended. We had 13 in attendance (all girls) and some adults, mostly the volunteers that helped create the party. There was food, including a sandwich tray from Archie's sandwich shop on Newark road, cupcakes & drinks. We converted the archery range into a dance floor with sound being provided by Dave Hutchins as DJ with a sound & light effects show that provided sensory overload for the kids on the dance floor.

Thanks goes out to those who attended & the members who helped make it a reality  
- Ray & Trish Caba, Dottie Berry & Amy & Dave Hutchins.

In the future we have plans to hold more fun events but we need more members to participate in the fun & also more parents need to bring their kids out to enjoy the festivities that have been created for them.

**7. It is with great sadness that we deliver the news of the passing of one of our own. William R. Law passed away late Monday night Feb. 21st at Jennersville Hospital.** Bill had served our organization honorably for many decades as Treasurer, Safety Officer, President & at times Secretary as well as many years as a Director at large. Bill has been a pivotal figure in the shaping of the organization over the years and will be surely missed.