

July, August, September 2012



Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

An NRA & CMP Affiliated Club

Junior Programs

Larry Bickings, Chairman

Junior Rifle



We had two major accomplishments this quarter in our NRA Rifle & Shotgun youth programs. SCCS&FA Junior Rifle team member Micah Watson has the distinguished honor of being the 2nd junior in club history to reach the rating of Expert in the 4 position qualification rifle course of fire for the SCCS&FA Junior Program. He was presented with his award and recognized by the membership at the August General meeting. Coached by NRA Instructor, Dave Hutchins. For information on this program contact Dave Hutchins, dhutchins@verizon.net The club has the necessary equipment and meets on Sunday afternoons. For Shotgun information, contact Steve Bunnell at Shotgunsports@scsfa.org

Junior Shotgun

Our first “Trap Camp” was held for our junior members age 12 to 17 the week of July 16 to 20th, 2012. The group met Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am to 12:30. Lead instructor was Steve Bunnell, assisted by Jon Cowart and Gordon Hendry. This was a joint presentation of the NRA and the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA). Each session included basic instruction covering firearm safety, rules and etiquette on the trap field. Each student ran the range, kept score & loaded the trap. The students learned how to pattern their shotgun and understand the pattern. This was followed each day with two rounds of regulation trap shooting while practicing the fundamentals involved in trap shooting. Individual attention was given so that each student experienced the various birds with the trap set for a specific angle. The students were critiqued on their form and stance. The scores were applied to NRA Marksmanship Qualification awards. Students may now shoot on Sunday to improve their standing. To qualify for the NRA awards a Pro-Marksman needs a score of 11 birds or better twice, a Marksman 13 birds or better x 4 times, Marksman first class 15 birds or better 6 times and sharpshooter 17 birds x 6. Expert is 19 birds, 10 times and finally Distinguished Expert 22 or better 10 times. The following students achieved Marksman Heidi Bechtold, Mike Cowart. Mike Zuba, Jr., Jim Crowley and Pepper McCulloch Pro Marksman. Luke Cowart achieved the rating of Expert.



Junior Trap Awards:

Luke Cowart achieved the rating of Expert in just over 3 months. This requires that a student shoot 19 or better, 10 times. Certainly an accomplishment for a 12 year old. Luke's positive attitude was evident at the first Junior trap program and he is now working on his NRA Distinguished Expert Award which requires a score of 22 or better 10 times. Shown presenting the award to Luke are Steve Bunnell, Trap Chairman, John Cowart, NRA Instructor. We believe this is the first Junior to achieve this status at our club.



Shortly after the trap camp, Luke achieved the rank of Distinguished Expert, becoming the first known club member to reach this goal. Luke was recognized at the monthly club meeting and presented with his award by Steve Bunnell, Shotgun Chairman.



Education Coordinator

The Board appointed Stephanie Sarosky as Training & Education Coordinator at the July meeting. As our club grows, it was obvious that we needed a central focus for our Training & Education. Requests from members for specific training can be directed to Stephanie who will maintain the club calendar to prevent conflicts, handle course registrations, schedule instructors and handle the many details. If you would like to request an NRA training course to be sponsored by Southern Chester County

Sportsmen's & Farmers' Assoc. please send an email to: education@sccsfa.org . The NRA has courses which include Basic Firearm Safety, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, and Black Powder as well as reloading. Classes for both Adults and Youths are taught by NRA/Craft certified instructors which are listed on the web site under training. We can also offer instruction in Archery and Fishing as well as firearms related courses for Scouts.

If you are an NRA or craft certified instructor of one the many sporting disciplines utilized at our association and are willing to volunteer your time to teach the association members in an organized course, please contact the Training & Education coordinator so she can place you on the list.

Here is a link to the NRA training site for a list of the course through NRA Certified instructors. <http://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseCatalog.aspx>

Membership

AmyJo Hutchins, Chairperson

We now have 1,353 members and with this year's dues notice a question on the renewal form will ask how many children you have on your family or senior family membership. We may have closer to 2,500 to 3,000 actual people who could come to the club at any one time. Our last new member orientation for this year will be held on August 28th. The dues notice will be mailed on September 4th with payment being accepted by mail or at our annual Field Day September 29th or any given Sunday after Field Day up to and including December 30th the last Sunday of the calendar year. Dues must be paid by December 31st, after that date you are no longer a member. **No exceptions**. (Editor's note, as of this date 1,003 members have renewed)

Legislative Action

Ed Weitzman, Chairman

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States reversed policy and said it would back launching talks on a treaty to regulate arms sales as long as the talks operated by consensus, a stance critics said gave every nation a veto. The decision, announced in a statement released by the U.S. State Department, overturns the position of former President George W. Bush's administration, which had opposed such a treaty on the grounds that national controls were better.

President Obama Took the First Major Step in a Plan to Ban All Firearms in the United States. The Obama administration intends to force gun control and a complete ban on all weapons for US citizens through the signing of international treaties with foreign nations. By signing international treaties on gun control, the Obama administration can use the US State Department to bypass the normal legislative process in Congress. Once the US Government signs these international treaties, all US citizens will be subject to those gun laws created by foreign governments. These are laws that have been developed and promoted by organizations such as the United Nations and individuals such as George Soros and Michael Bloomberg. The laws are designed and intended to lead to the complete ban and confiscation of all firearms.

The Obama administration is attempting to use tactics and methods of gun control that will inflict major damage to our 2nd Amendment before US citizens even understand what has happened. Obama can appear before the public and tell them that he does not intend to pursue any legislation (in the United States) that will lead to new gun control laws, while cloaked in secrecy, his Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton is committing the US to international treaties and foreign gun control laws. Does that mean Obama is telling the truth? What it means is that there will be no publicized gun control debates in the media or votes in Congress. We will wake up one morning and find that the United States has signed a treaty that prohibits firearm and ammunition manufacturers from selling to the public. We will wake up another morning and find that the US has signed a treaty that prohibits any transfer of firearm ownership. And then, we will wake up yet another morning and find that the US has signed a treaty that requires US citizens to deliver any firearm they own to the local government collection and destruction center or face imprisonment.

As sure as government health care will be forced on us by the Obama administration through whatever means necessary, so will gun control.

Preparedness Meeting at SCCSFA

Charles Beatty

We had a great turn out at this month's Preparedness Meeting at the SCCSFA Club House with over 35 people in attendance. This month's topic was Bug-Out Bags. A bug-out bag consists of the basic survival items you will need if for some emergency you have to quickly evacuate your home or community. Emergency Management Coordinator Chuck Fresse was back again to cover emergency situations and what you need to know about the basic things needed for survival and information on our local and state government's emergency response and communications already in place. Chuck handed out tote bags with all this information for people to take home. Next up was Phil Sears who demonstrated how he was able to put 40 pounds of food and survival gear in a 20 pound bag. The bag was a backpack designed for the backwoods fisherman to hike into his favorite spot. Everything including food, first aid, shelter, rope, light, shovel, water purifier radio, inverter, axes, fishing gear etc. etc. was stuffed in the bag. Once he was done showing us everything he had in there we were betting he wouldn't be able to get it all back in again, but for the sake of time we moved on to our next guest Mike Kirkpatrick. Mike, years ago, had purchased a surplus M101 Canadian military trailer for camping and traveling. With this trailer he is able to carry heavier items like fuel, water, large shelter, air pump along other standard survival gear. Mike is also an emergency coordinator and fireman in our area. These meetings are sponsored by the COALITION FOR ADVANCING FREEDOM OF CHESTER COUNTY. For more information on these and other upcoming events go to our web site www.advancefreedom.org. or contact me at safety@sccsfa.org

NRA Basic Muzzle loading Rifle Class

Drew Gregg, Chairman-Black powder

SCCSFA will host a Basic Muzzle loading Rifle Class in the club house. The dates and times are as follows: Sunday, August 5: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sunday, August 12: 12:00 noon - 2:30 PM Sunday, August 19: 12:00 noon - 2:30 PM Sunday, August 26: 12:00 noon - 2:30 PM Registration is open to those who are the minimum age of 12 years to adult. The class is limited to 6 students and the registration fee is \$55.00, which includes all necessary class materials. To register for future classes contact me at blackpowder@sccsfa.org

Field Day

Dave Hutchins, Chairman

Our annual gathering was held on September 29th from 10-4pm. Members were able to pay their annual dues, tour the grounds and participate in the many activities the club offers.



Rifle at SCCSFA

Dave Stephens, Rifle Committee

Every Sunday the Junior/Adult rifle qualification program shoots on the 75yd range from noon—4pm. We follow the NRA/Winchester 4 position skill stage qualification program of standing, sitting, kneeling & prone positions with rim fire bolt action rifles. All persons age 12 and older can participate.

This is a self-paced curriculum setup to teach you the skills & discipline necessary to safely & proficiently shoot a rifle. In the process of going through the program you shoot to achieve skill ratings from pro– Marksman through Expert & Distinguished expert. It's not just boring paper punching, you are shooting toward a goal to win awards, medals & rocker patches showing your achievement. These skills can be used to give you an edge over the competition if you decide to participate in the national shooting games in Camp Perry Ohio each year. Frequently we will be having mini competitions pitting one on one & adult against junior shooters for bragging rights. Attending an NRA basic rifle shooting course is not mandatory to participate but we do however recommend that you attend one in the first year of participating in the program so you can achieve the formal training needed to shoot in the program. If you don't have an appropriate rifle or want to try it before you buy one, we do have training/loaner target rifles that can be used. The range is staffed by NRA certified rifle instructors & knowledgeable assistants. So far we have had 2 Juniors & 2 Adults reach the Expert rating with many more getting ever closer to Expert. You could be next, give it a try. If you are interested in participating in the program, come on out on a Sunday & see what it's all about.

What equipment: Any safe rim fire rifle—.22lr or .17HMR with open sights (no scopes or optics) **Cost:** Juniors (12—18) no cost, Adults over 18 - \$8 per skill rating packet. Seniors over 75 no cost. **When:** Every Sunday noon—4pm 75yd range. Please check the club calendar **Length of season:** Generally April 1—November 30 (or till it gets too cold to shoot).

Congratulations to: NRA Instructor, AmyJo Hutchins who added Home Firearms Safety and NRA Certified Pistol to her qualifications and Dave Hutchins who added NRA Certified Pistol Instructor to his qualifications.

Thanks to: Mark Rowles for taking the lead as our IT Chairman and David Ham for that important post of Kitchen Chairman. Remember it's your club, come help when asked. All posts pay the same – A thank you from your fellow members.

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