



Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

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New Secretary

Please join us in giving Michael Laurence a warm welcome to the Secretary position on the SCCS&FA Board. Michael has been a member of our club since the summer of 2011 and stepped up to volunteer for the vacancy left by our departing Secretary. Michael was elected at the Executive meeting held on August 25th. Please forward any email communication to secretary@scsfa.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Flea Market and Halloween Party events are in dire need of volunteers. Without a volunteer to lead and volunteers to assist, these events are not going to take place. If you enjoyed either of these events in the past please consider taking on the responsibility of making them happen. Without you, they won't. newsletter@scsfa.org.

Environmental Report

The field work for our environmental plan was completed at the Club on May 6th. This comprised: field reconnaissance, mapping the ranges, and collecting seven composite soil samples (six from the rifle and pistol ranges and one from the trap field) for soil treatability analysis.

Based on the results of the field soil treatability analysis of the soils within the pistol and rifle ranges, the geologist confirmed that dry soil screening is feasible as a means of recovering spent rounds from the impact berms and associated bullet impact areas. A metal purity of approximately 80 to 90% can likely be achieved using conventional screening equipment and would likely yield a recyclable product.

Currently activity is focused on evaluating options for the chemical stabilization of the screened soil to reduce the lead leachability and developing the Environmental Stewardship Plan. The Board anticipates receiving a draft Environmental Stewardship Plan during the week of September 14th.

The report will include recommendations for range maintenance (lead recovery) at the rifle and pistol ranges and a discussion of best management practices for applicable to the ranges, along with estimates of the approximate implementation costs.

Committee News

Camping

The Camping Committee are working with the I.T. Committee to establish a reservation system for the RV and camping sites. For more information or to volunteer please contact camping@scsfa.org.

Facilities Committee

There is always something that needs attention. Are you or do you know a siding contractor. If so please let Charlie Beatty know at facilities@scsfa.org.

Field Day

Field Day will take place on Saturday, October 3rd. As always this event will be open to the public and there will be activities for the whole family. To volunteer your help, or for more information, or if you can help locate a hay wagon please contact Vice President Mark Rowles at vice-pres@scsfa.org.

Legislative

Larry Bickings - Legislative Committee chairman - reports that it is "Doubtful that [PA] Sunday hunting will pass."

Membership

Keep an eye on your email inbox. **Online renewal reminders will be arriving imminently.** We anticipate the majority of members will renew online. Paper renewal forms will follow later in September. Field Day (Oct 3rd) provides an in-person opportunity to renew membership.

Please remember that maintaining current NRA membership is a requirement of SCCS&FA club membership. [Discount NRA membership](#) is available on our web-site. Click on the link.

Treasurer's Report

Current balances on hand, as of August 25th 2015:

Checking Account	\$ 11,853
Savings Account	\$ 175,539
Other Accounts	\$ 21,524
Total	\$ 208,916

Announcements

Distinguished Expert – Trap Shooting

Steve Bunnell (Shotgun Committee Chairman) informed us of a junior shooter who has just achieved the Distinguished Expert award for trap shooting in the NRA / Winchester marksmanship program.

The young shooter is **Jackson Kearney**, son of one of our members, Patrick Kearney. Jackson is just 13 years old and only began trap shooting last summer at age 12.

Steve reported that Jackson, an avid hunter and fisherman who spends part of his summer staying with relatives in Alaska, has a great deal of natural talent and worked very hard to achieve this level of proficiency.

Steve presented Jackson the with NRA /Winchester marksmanship award at the August 25th membership meeting. Congratulations Jackson!



Jackson Kearney is presented with the NRA/Winchester marksmanship award by Steve Bunnell.

NRA Apprentice Instructor

Meet the newest NRA Apprentice Instructor: **Carter Fenster** has become the newest apprentice instructor for rifle and shotgun disciplines. Carter is 14 years old and has been shooting at the club since he was 8 years old. Carter can be found on our ranges most Sundays. He participates in the

Winchester/NRA Marksmanship programs for Shotgun, Rifle and Pistol. Additionally, Carter shoots on the Breaking Clays team which competes at AIM (Academic Integrity Marksmanship) tournaments sponsored by the Amateur Trapshooting Association.



Carter Fenster - newest NRA Apprentice Instructor

NRA Apprentice Instructors are 13 to 17 years old who wish to understudy a certified instructor. These individuals must possess the emotional maturity necessary to handle such a position. In addition, they must attend and successfully complete the appropriate NRA Basic Firearm Training Course prior to attending an NRA Instructor Training Course. Apprentice instructor ratings are available in the three disciplines of rifle, pistol, and shotgun.

Congratulations Carter!

New Committee - Facility Use Policy

A temporary committee was formed at the August 25th General Membership meeting to develop a facility use policy in light of recent requests from outside groups to use the club facilities. The committee was tasked with developing a written policy regarding the use of our facilities. The Board expects the draft policy for consideration at the next General Membership meeting on Tuesday September 29th, 2015.

Your Thoughts

Have an idea for an article? Is there something you'd like to see covered in the newsletter? Please share your thoughts and pictures with us at: newsletter@scsfa.org

Parting shot



Image from the Rifle Committee's first silhouette rifle match held on Saturday July 25th.