



Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

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Current Initiatives



As reported last quarter, membership intake has been a major focus of SCCS&FA leadership and the Membership Committee. At the start of the process we had a backlog of about 700 people wanting to join our club.

Orientation events were scheduled, volunteers organized and additional mentors recruited. In the order in which people had signed up, batches of invitations went out to notify folks they could take the next step and sign up for an orientation event.

Throughout the summer we managed to get invitations out to all 700 people. About 250 applied for an orientation event. 120 have completed mentoring and are now fellow members of our club. About 75 are working their way through the pipeline and we have one more orientation event to wrap up the year.

To everyone who made this possible we say: **Thank-you!**

To everyone who has joined us we say: **Welcome!**

This was quite an achievement and if you'd like to be part of it next year we already have accrued a new backlog of 128 names. We are always looking for members to help with club duties.

A **mentor** requires the NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) certification and SCCS&FA Mentor training to qualify. If you're interested in becoming a mentor the club will pay for your RSO class in lieu of your commitment to conduct some mentoring sessions. Reach out to the Education* committee if interested in RSO or any other classes.

Other roles require little to no commitment or training, some can be performed remotely at home. More responsible roles require significant training and would require a higher level of commitment.



If you're interest in helping in any way please reach out to the President* or the Membership* committee.

Announcing

Archery

The indoor league will start on January 8th, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The cost will be \$8.00 per night. All shooters are welcome. Come along, keep your skills sharp and enjoy fellowship with archers of all disciplines. The league will run for 12 weeks. All you need is your bow and 5 arrows. We shoot at 20 yards. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the indoor archery range.

Committee News

Facilities

SCCS&FA Clubhouse's NEW LOOK

by Charlie Beatty
Facilities Committee Chairman



Next time you visit your club you'll see the new look of our clubhouse. We have re-sided the building and it looks great. We also added a new door to the archery range and to the clubhouse entry. You can now see when you enter the foyer!

Member **Jack Conomon** volunteered to take the lead on the project. He solicited prices, made recommendations on materials and oversaw the work.

Other projects for this year include a new pole barn for the equipment & tool storage and installing additional concrete in the range sheds.



The Facilities committee are looking for volunteers for projects around the club. They do a little of everything: general cleaning, landscaping, repair, renovations etc. If you have a particular skill and have time to donate, we are looking to put you to work. Please email the Facilities* committee and let us know how you can help!

* See *Contacts - Calendar - Events - Links* on the last page

Membership



Renewal season is here. Hopefully you're ready and took note of the information provided in the last newsletter and various email announcements. If so, renewing your membership will be an easy and quick process for you.

As a reminder:

- **Ensure your email address is kept current**
- **NRA membership must be good through 9/30/2018**
- **Sign the new electronic waiver.**
Sign it here: [liability waiver](#)

NRA Membership Requirement

Policy

Club policy requires an NRA membership to be maintained. The more recent membership policy requiring NRA membership to be active throughout the next membership year was implemented to simplify the validation process but appears to have generated some confusion.

Background

Most members maintain an active NRA membership throughout their SCCS&FA membership year. A few let it lapse creating an unsustainable burden on volunteers.

Membership works with the NRA to validate membership information however, it is known it can take up to a couple of months for updates to filter through their system. That is why communications for the new policy were provided in April via email, in May via the Q2 newsletter and in mid-July via a specific email to those still not in compliance.

Status

We have just over 200 members not in compliance with the policy. They will not be able to renew their SCCS&FA membership.

How to check

See the "NRA Membership Verification (Admin Only)" section at the bottom of your profile page to see the information provided by the NRA and when it was last updated.

What to do if shown as not in compliance?

If you need to, renew your NRA membership* to extend it at least to 9/30/2018. However, it could be that the information the NRA provided is simply out-of-date. Either way, options are:

- 1) **Wait** – Membership will work with the NRA monthly until the end of the year to obtain expiration dates for those currently not in compliance.
- 2) **Expedite** – Send proof of NRA membership extending through 9/30/18 to: nra-verification@scsfa.org.
 - Do not send NRA membership related email to membership or anyone else, it will not be actioned.
 - Acceptable proof is either a photograph of the NRA membership card or a screen shot of the NRA membership page ([link](#)).

As soon as a member's NRA membership is found to extend through 9/30/2018 the account will be released and allowed to renew.

Summary

- NRA must extend throughout the coming membership year
- Those not in compliance will not be invited to renew
- NRA verification will run monthly to year end

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report

Current balances on hand, as of August 26, 2017:

Checking Account	\$	14,416
Savings Account	\$	226,021
Other Accounts	\$	25,016
Total	\$	265,453

* See *Contacts – Calendar – Events – Links* on the last page

Of Local Interest

926 Bridge

Yes, it's open!

926 Bridge - Opening Ceremony – Aug 25th, 2017



Some of our members were present for the opening ceremony on August 25th and recognized our friends: Sheriff [Carolyn Bunny Walsh](#) and PA Rep. [Steve Barrar](#)

Lost & Found

A firearm was left on the 100-yard range on the afternoon of Wed. July 19th. Contact Charlie Beatty at (302) 690-3468.

Contacts – Calendar – Events – Links

Contacts: The contact email addresses for all club officers and committees are listed on the Contacts page found under About Us on the website. [▶▶](#)

Calendar: The club calendar may be found at the bottom of the club Home page [▶▶](#)

Events: Upcoming events are highlighted on the Home page [▶▶](#) and a complete list is available on the Events page [▶▶](#)

NRA Renewal: Discounts NRA memberships and renewals are available through the club link [here](#).