



# Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

*Kennett Square, Pennsylvania*

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### Officer Elections Coming in December

Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. See page 2.

### Training and more training

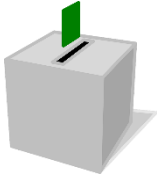
Education committee takes off. See page 3.

### Concrete Improvements

Range improvements – Facilities report. See page 4.

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## Election of Club Officers, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017



At our general member's meeting on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, we will hold the election for our all of club's officer positions and four positions for our board of directors.

## SCCS&FA Elected Officer's Duties

The **current** terms, eligibility requirements and duties for the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director positions were detailed in the [2015 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Newsletter](#).

‡Proposed Bylaw changes may open the eligibility requirements and relax term limits. The proposed changes along with the current bylaws are available for your reference online in the Members Area on the [Constitution and Bylaws page](#). This area is only accessible to members, so you will need to login to access the page.

If you would like to nominate someone or are interested in running for any of these positions, please complete the [2018 Candidate Nomination Form](#) online.

## Current Nominations

### President

None

### Vice-President

**Larry Bickings** – is our current VP and is willing to be nominated for a second term.

**John Primus** – is a past member of the Game, Field Day and Trap committees and was the 1st chairman of the Camping Committee. He is a PA Game Commission Instructor for the Hunter Trapper Education Course and the Successful Bowhunting Course. He is also an avid hunter and fisherman.

### Secretary

**Robert T Detweiler** – is our current Secretary and is willing to be nominated for a second term. Robert has been a resident of Chester county for over 40 years. He is a 20 year plus law enforcement officer.

## Treasurer

**Steve Bunnell** – is our current Treasurer. Having served many prior years Steve is willing to be nominated for Treasurer for another term.

## Directors

All for of our even-year incumbent directors have stated their willingness to be nominated again. They are: **Charles Beatty, Warren Goodwin, Amy Hutchins and Don Sloat**.

New candidates this year are:

**Jerome Downie** – who brings prior non-profit leadership experience.

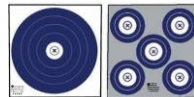
**Matthew Marden** – is a strong supporter of gun rights, firearms safety and education. He is a CCDW instructor / NRA pistol instructor who loves to teach pistol & safety skills. Matthew says that being involved in the club and helping it grow while holding true to the club's core values is something he'd love to be a part of.

## Committee News

### Archery

**Practice for the indoor league** will start on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and continue through the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Get some practice and sighting-in before the league starts. All are welcome. The cost is \$4.00 per night.

**The indoor league will start on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm** and run for 12 weeks. 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 and skill levels. 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 bulletin board or contact [archery@scfesa.org](mailto:archery@scfesa.org).



60 arrows.

The first 6 weeks we will be shooting the **NFAA blue face** target. You can shoot 5 spot or single spot targets. This round consists of 5 arrows per end and a total



The second six weeks we will shoot the **Vegas 3** spot or single spot target, your choice. This will consist of 45 arrows, 3 arrows per end.

You can shoot whatever equipment you have.

## Education

Our Education Committee chairman **David Lee** has been busy organizing and running some initial classes.



He recently completed **USA Archery Level 1 Instructor** and **Basic Personal Protection in the Home**.



David is planning more training programs and activities for 2018 but will need all the help he can get. Classes being considered are: Instructor, Range Safety Officer, Archery...



If you have time, training credentials or are just willing to help out in any way you can, please email [education@scsfa.org](mailto:education@scsfa.org), and specify your area of specialty (current certifications, if any) and the time you can volunteer (weekdays or weekend).

## NRA Range Safety Officer

As mentioned in the last newsletter we mentor new members to ensure they understand the club rules and are safe on the range. 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 consideration of your commitment to conduct some mentoring sessions.



There will be one NRA Range Safety Officer Course in first week of April. The registration will be open on the first week of March, so we can prepare for 2018 new member in take.

Watch for announcements,



Facilities

On October 15<sup>th</sup> forms were set in our shooting sheds.



5 hours later the finishers started and finished with a “broom finish” so the floor does not get slippery underfoot when wet.



Overall this will help make it much easier for members to pick up their brass (as is required) and gives the sheds a tidy appearance.

Then at 7am on October 16<sup>th</sup> the concrete pour started.



This is the first step in the range improvement program. Next comes lighting.

The facilities committee hopes members enjoy this improvement. Feedback so far has been positive.

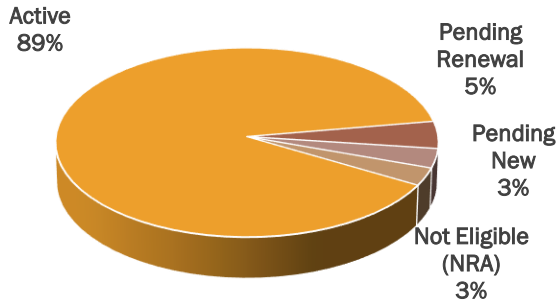


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## Membership

Our current active membership stands at **1,381** representing 89% of the members we have on file. A further 72 (4.6%) have not renewed, 51 (3.3%) are in the pipeline to join as new members and 47 (3%) are not eligible to renew because their NRA membership does not meet the requirement to run through the full membership year.

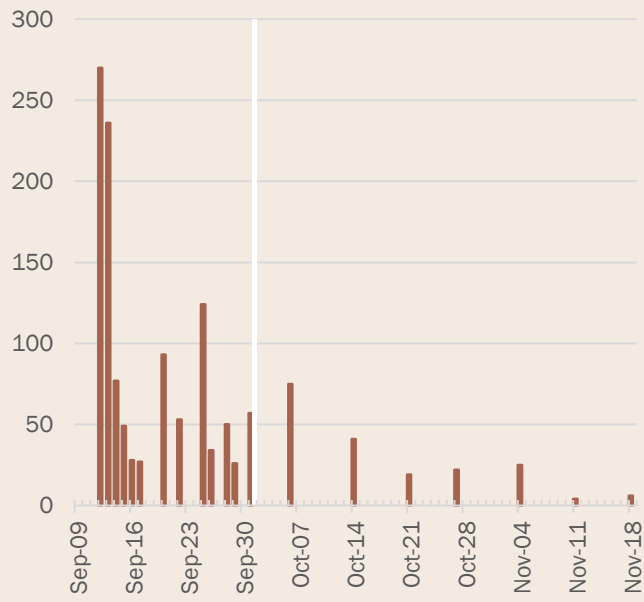
Member Status



If you know someone unable to renew due to their NRA membership status, you may wish to advise them to read the [last newsletter](#) on how to correct the issue.

81% of currently active members renewed prior to the end of September.

Number of Renewals Processed by day/week



## Improvement Plans

We will be meeting in early January to review what went well and not so well with this year's intake and renewal processes. Next year we hope to open renewals earlier and process new badges and gate card updates comfortably before the end of the September. Later renewals will likely be processed in monthly batches.

If you have ideas or feedback please share them via email with [membership@scsfa.com](mailto:membership@scsfa.com).

## Member's Responsibility

As a reminder, members are:

- Expected to adhere to all club rules and policies
- As responsible as any other club member for the policing of rules and upkeep of the club
- Expected to ensure their email and postal addresses are kept current
- Required to maintain NRA membership good through the full club year *prior to renewing for that year*

## Rifle



Congratulations to **Josh Boulet** (left) who earned Expert in Four Position Rifle. Presenting the award is Mark Fenster

## Officer Reports

### Treasurer's Report

Current balances on hand, as of November 14, 2017:

Checking Account	\$ 30,114
Savings Account	\$ 276,084
Other Accounts	\$ 26,745
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 332,943</b>

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### Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are always required. Some roles require little to no commitment or training and some can be performed remotely at home. More responsible roles require significant training and require a high level of commitment.

### Current vacancies

#### Officers

See the election article above.

#### Education

Trainers and helpers – see the article above.

#### Membership

The membership committee needs someone to fill in and mail out a postcard to members who's email address are invalid. A list of names and addresses will be supplied quarterly. Postcards and stamps will be supplied by the club.

#### Newsletter

Fancy producing this newsletter? Publications are quarterly. Proficiency with Word or HTML is advantageous. Attending club meetings and being nose-y is advised.

If you're interest in helping in any way, please reach out to the relevant committee or officer. \*See contacts below.

### 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. [here](#)

#### **Calendar:**

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

#### **Events:**

Upcoming events are highlighted on the Home page [here](#).

A complete list is available on the Events page [here](#)

#### **NRA Renewal:**

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