

Southern Chester County

Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

April-June 2011



## **President's Report to Members**

Derek Strine

With the input from our members and committee chairs, the Board has decided to proceed with the following six Capital improvements to our club for 2011. To conserve money, and do as much of the work ourselves, work will proceed over the summer. The projects are: Replace the heater and air conditioning in the club house with a modern efficient system, possibly using geo-thermal. This may include new insulation in the attic. Replace the roof on the 25-yard range and continue replacing the shooting benches on the ranges. Increase and improve the club house parking area by 24 spaces using 4"-6" of slag as a base, the estimated cost is \$5,000. New baffles on the 75-yard range which will improve the range safety. The cost for the 100-yard range was \$7,300 plus a lot of work by members. Rebuild the road to the pond with parking spaces so that members can drive down. This will also allow the stocking truck better access. Improvements to the trap range. This basically involves repairs to the 5-position trap and is awaiting a decision by the trap committee. We also have a suggestion for range improvements which is still in the planning stage by the committee.

Our goal is to continually improve the club, add various activities and training that is suggested by club members. If you have a question or suggestion please direct it to the activity chairman whose phone or e-mail address is listed. The activities can be open to the public, such as the trap range and the ISPC matches, and should generate enough revenue to cover the cost to the club.

It's your club, so let's enjoy it and the many activities we have scheduled. The club calendar is on the web site, please check it and "what's new" for updates.

## From the Vice President

Dave Hutchins

For a long time I have been telling our members that our club is more than just a place that you come to once in a while just to shoot. We are also more than just 5 dirt berms & a sign-in book. We have 47 acres of potential fun. It occurred to me that with around 1200 memberships on file, we have a somewhat diverse little crowd amongst us.

Here is an idea - Many of us have special interests & hobbies outside of just shooting or fishing. I have interests in politics, metalworking & model engineering, My wife Amy is interested in quilting & gardening among other things. I know some of our members are interested in honing survival skills, so why can't we form little clubs within a club. Maybe these little clubs can arrange meetings on club grounds & possibly hold special events to showcase their hobbies & interests to the rest of the members. This could be fun for all of us.

If you would be interested in this idea, drop me a line at [vice-pres@sccsfa.org](mailto:vice-pres@sccsfa.org) letting me know your name & what interest or hobby you might be interested in meeting with others about & I will compile a list. Once it appears there are few members interested in the same thing then we can put you all in touch with each other. Once you have a meeting group or "hobby club" formed then all that is needed is for the group to set a regular meeting time & date & we will place you on the calendar & web site. One caveat though, it all has to stay within the rules, must be legal & cannot be anything that might be adverse to the club. Like I said there is a lot of potential in this place & who knows, you just might have more fun that you can handle.

### **Proposed change to the Club Bylaws ( Note this was passed 6/28** *(Editor)*

(The following change was proposed by the Membership Committee and approved by the Officers and Board for the members to vote on)

Current SCCS&FA Bylaws

Article 1

Section 4. Expiration Date

Members who do not pay their dues prior to February 1 of each calendar year, shall pay a late fee. Any member failing to renew their membership prior to June 30 of each calendar year, must reapply for membership to the association, attend the new member orientation and repay the initiation fee in full.

SCCS&FA Bylaws

Article 1

Section 4. Expiration Date

All memberships expire on September 30 of each year. Members who do not pay their dues prior to December 31 of each calendar year, will be dropped from the membership rolls and must reapply for membership to the association, attend the new member orientation and pay the initiation fee in full.

*Striking the line “shall pay a late fee. Any member failing to renew their membership prior to June 30 of each calendar year”, changing February 1 to December 31 and adding the wording “All memberships expire on September 30 of each year.” As the beginning line and “will be dropped from the membership rolls” after the line “December 31 of each calendar year”.*

## **Safety Rules on Our Ranges**

Warren Goodwin- Safety Officer

### **Updated Range Rules Booklet Available**

A new SCCSFA Range Rules booklet is now available on the [Range Rules page of the club's website](#). Please save a copy and review the rules as there have been some changes since the previous version posted in July 2010.

Training: Two proposals were made for range officer training. Graham Smith suggested a course given by the ISPSA which can be given at the club and Mark Garfinkel suggested an NRA Range Officer course. As we increase our membership we need to be ever alert and provide the necessary Safety Leadership. More information on these courses follow.

## **Membership Information**

Amy Jo Hutchins

We want to remind members who have not yet renewed for 2011 that the deadline for doing so is June 30. Any member who has not renewed before then and wishes to rejoin the club must do so as a new member, including pre-registration and must pay the initiation fee.

For information or questions about membership, please contact Amy Jo Hutchins at [membership@sccsfa.org](mailto:membership@sccsfa.org). Our current membership is 1222 and continues to grow.

## **Membership Renewal Deadline**

**Effective immediately:**

As of April 26, 2011 there is a new procedure to follow for all persons wishing to join as members of Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association.

1) Prospective members **must** pre-register in advance to the membership director no later than 2 days (48 hours) before the next new member orientation by contacting the membership director - Amy Hutchins (302)998-5450 or [membership@sccsfa.org](mailto:membership@sccsfa.org).

2) New members are to arrive at the clubhouse at 6pm & no one will be admitted after 7pm.

3) Persons who are pre-registered & do not show up for the prospective new member orientation will have to pre-register again for the following month.

4) Persons who have not pre-registered will not be admitted for that month's new member orientation.

We will accept up to 30 members per month. As of this month our membership stands at 1222, having doubled in the last 5 years and tripled in the last 12. In order to provide the review of Club rules and other information we must limit the monthly attendance, in the last 2 months had over 50 new members apply each month.

### **Mailing Address Update**

As of June 1, 2011 SCCSFA is no longer maintaining a P.O. Box to receive mail. All mail should be sent to the club's street address:

Southern Chester County Sportsmen's and Farmers' Association  
720 Sportsman Lane  
Kennett Square, PA 19348

### **2011 USPSA Match**

Graham Smith

Southern Chester County Practical Shooters Association (SCCPSA) is one of some 12 clubs in the Mid Atlantic Section. We hold eight matches per year, one match per month, March through October on the third Saturday of the month. The 2011 match schedule is: March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 15. The SCCSFA 15, 25, 50, and 75 yard ranges will be used for each match. Registration starts at 10 AM, walk through at 10:45 AM and the matches start promptly at 11 AM.



The competition covered 6 different scenarios on six ranges. 61 Contestants participated. Both time and accuracy count in these matches.



Down they go

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 nonmembers. 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 me before 10 AM. 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. Ability counts not age.



The next world Champs



The match winners were, club members shown in **bold**

Division	Category	Class	Name
Open	Match Winner	*	Mike O'Keefe
Limited	Match Winner	*	A.J.Stuart
Limited	High B	B	<b>James Ellis</b>
Limited	High C	C	<b>Ron Jones</b>
Limited 10	Match Winner	*	Bill Hearne
Limited 10	High C	C	Glen Mattheu
Production	Match Winner	*	AL Belmondo
Production	High D	D	Steve Yeakel
Single Stack	Match Winner	*	Kraig Buer

### **And here is the best news of all:**

A PortaPotty will be placed on the ranges and down by the lake. As our members use the club more, the clubhouse facilities become overtaxed. The cost is about \$60.00 per month per unit and well worth it.

### **Trap Shooting**

Steve Bunnell

Our range is open every Sunday from 12 noon to 3:30 pm, year round. The cost for a round of "birds" is \$4.00. The range is open to the public and guests of members. Last month we shot 188 rounds and I have plenty of patches left. Come try your luck. The revised safety rule on the range is "not to close the action till it is parallel to the ground". Please bring your firearm to the range in a case and place it in the rack with the action open.





## NRA Women On Target® Instructional Shooting Clinic

Maureen Polhemus

***Learn to Shoot! And that we did to a full House.*** Instructors Annette, Maureen, Patty, Robin, presented the NRA First Steps Pistol Course to a class of 30. This was the first time this training was presented at our club, the program was sold out and will be repeated again. The next class is September 24<sup>th</sup>.

NRA 1st Steps Pistol Orientation:

Includes: Introduction to Ammunition and the Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting  
Introduction to Pistol Shooting from the Bench rest Position  
Introduction to Pistol Cleaning, Storage, and Training Opportunities



Annette, Maureen, Patty, Robin introduce themselves to the class and review the days schedule

Under the watchful eye of the instructors students learned how to load, clear and the fundamentals of pistol shooting using the Ruger and their personal firearms. Each student fires about 100 shots.

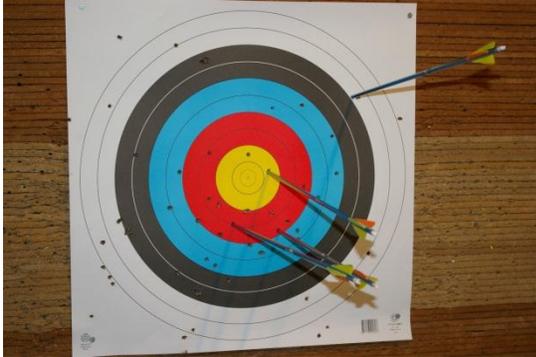


Patty demonstrates the Ruger semi-auto pistol to the class



## Winter Archery League

Ray Caba



Our archery target league has finished with a night of good food, prepared by Mrs. DeBacco, Dottie Berry and Ray and Trish Caba. Derek Herr provided snacks. There was lots to eat and drink. We all had a good time. I hope to see everyone again next January A special thanks to Rich DeBacco for a job well done -- Ray

Our winners for the league were

Super AA Sean Morrison

AA Percy Reynolds Jr.

A Deb Sagner

B class

1<sup>st</sup> Percy Reynolds 11

2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Koury

3<sup>rd</sup> Fred Shaw.

Ray Caba received a plaque for a perfect game

Other Archery News:

Ray Caba entered the Pennsylvania state archery tournament in Harrisburg Pa along with Rich DeBacco and Percy Reynolds . Ray took first place in the seniors division.

The crossbow set up is ready. Please review the revised safety rules. There are rules that must be met and followed.

The outdoor course is ready to go, questions on it contact me or any other member of the archery committee.

Anyone wishing to sign up for the Monday night hunter league please sign up on the noticed posted in the archery range and as soon as I have enough signed, I will post the starting date.

Youth League: anyone knowing a youth that would like to shoot on the Saturday Target league also sign up on the notice also in the archery range.

[ray.archeryschool@yahoo.com](mailto:ray.archeryschool@yahoo.com)

The Jr. Indoor Hunting League starts July 11, and will be posted on the club calendar.

## Flea Market

Amy Jo Hutchins

This was our first try, and hopefully will grow each year, a large variety of items were offered. Not sure where they got the supply of belts.



## Fish & Lake Report

Sonny Maddalozzo

The lake was stocked this year with 831 Trout, so far less than 200 have been caught with J.C. Higgins taking the largest one at 5 Lbs. 6 oz. A supply of catfish & bass will be added later this year. The improvement suggested last year was a well to add cold water. It is finished and is on line, this will hopefully prevent any fish kills in the warmer weather. Herbicide was applied twice this year. Bring the kids and enjoy the fishing!!

## Field Day 2011

The date, while far off will be October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. POC is Dave Hutchins. We are considering adding Flea market tables in addition to our normal vendors and display.

## Black Powder

Drew Gregg

"Spring Fellowship Match" was held Saturday April 30, 2011 10:00 am Cost - \$8.00 for Members of SCCS&FA or Brandywine Long Rifles Non-Members - \$10.00 Lunch will be provided (Reported to be the best Chili yet))This will be a fun match and will be an opportunity to come out and get some practice after a long cold winter. In-line rifles and Pyrodex shooters are welcome but open sights only. This will be an 8 target match with a Spring Theme - small prizes will be awarded for each target. Our club is now officially a NMLRA sanctioned club. The certificate is on the wall. Thanks to those that helped and supported me in this endeavor.

## June 2011 Southern Chester County PA Match

Our June match will be on Saturday the 18th in Southern Chester County, PA (map: [www.sccsfa.org/page10/page10.html](http://www.sccsfa.org/page10/page10.html)) Registration starts at 0945 and the briefing is at 1045. New shooter orientation is at 1000. Setup starts at 0800 and help is always appreciated if you can arrive a bit early. We have planned 7 stages, 142 rounds, so bring plenty of ammo. This match will be a fund raiser for the Wounded Warrior Project. We will be taking donations at the match and the club will provide a matching donation of up to \$500 for all money collected. In addition, all proceeds from the match will be donated as well. Our goal is to have enough shooters to max out the matching donation and, with the proceeds, raise a total of \$2,000! If you cannot make the match but would like to donate just the same, here is a link for you: <http://tinyurl.com/SCCPSA-WWP>

Graham Smith                      *(Editor's note: The match generated over \$875. and \$575. Match Director, SCCPSA    In donations giving the Project a \$2000. Donation – Great Job for a great cause)*

And finally a bit of wisdom  
Joe Rogish Jr.

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, & our nation was the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom stayed home to raise the kids. What in the heck happened? Can you spell '**politicians?**'

Accounts Receivable Tax	Liquor Tax
Building Permit Tax	Luxury Taxes
CDL license Tax	Marriage License Tax
Cigarette Tax	Medicare Tax
Corporate Income Tax	Personal Property Tax
Dog License Tax	Property Tax
Excise Taxes	Real Estate Tax
Federal Income Tax	Service Charge Tax
Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA)	Social Security Tax
Fishing License Tax	Road usage Tax
Food License Tax	Recreational Vehicle Tax
Fuel Permit Tax	Sales Tax
Gasoline Tax (currently 44.75 cents)	School Tax
Gross Receipts Tax	State Income Tax
Hunting License Tax	State unemployment Tax (SUTA)
Inheritance Tax	Excise Tax
Inventory Tax	And the list goes on & on & on

## Legislative Report

Ned Hogan

**Delaware** – Governor Markell’s overbroad (26% of all adults) proposal to mandate reporting of “mental illness” to the NICS background check database has run into headwinds after passing one chamber of the legislature. It seems citizen calls and letters have been effective in slowing a headlong rush to passage in the Tucson hysteria. With the session to end June 30<sup>th</sup> keep the pressure on your legislators to avoid midnight deals. (*Editor note: as of now it did not pass*)

**Pennsylvania** – Governor Tom Corbert signed the “Castle Doctrine” today which becomes law in 60 days. A great day for us.

**New York State** – A new bill would require registration of all guns with both the county and the state at a per gun cost of \$15.00, plus \$10 for each annual renewal. Required information includes the location of each firearm. In NYC a civil rights lawsuit against Mayor Bloomberg challenges the city’s \$340.00 fee for a permit to keep a gun in the owner’s home. The legal fee limit elsewhere in New York State is \$10.00, but NYC is exempt.

## Training

NRA or craft certified instructors are encouraged to conduct training at the club. This can be for both members and guests. Present your proposal to the Board at any meeting, include a copy of your certificate to be placed on the wall rack. Be specific since some courses require insurance coverage.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Instructor/Contact</u>
Archery Hunter Safety Course	July 9 <sup>th</sup> & 30	Ray Caba
Chief Range Officer Course (USPSA)	Date TBD	Graham Smith
Shotgun Instructor Course	Date TBD (Sat)	Mark Garfinkel
Women on Target	Indoor Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Maureen Polhemus

## IT (Web site) Report

Dave Markowitz

We continue to add new links and information to our site, the list of “Friends” on Facebook continues to grow. If you have a suggestion please send it to me for consideration. We upgraded our server this month, and added new software/hardware for the gate controller. The web site [www.sccsfa.org](http://www.sccsfa.org) continues to be a low cost information source for our club.