

April, May, June 2012



## Southern Chester County Sportsmen's & Farmers' Association

An NRA & CMP Affiliated Club

### Presidents Message

Derek Strine

I would like to welcome all members who have recently joined our Club.

In order to provide a proper overview of our Club rules and facilities at the monthly orientation, and to reduce the instances of rules violations, we reduced the number eligible to join each month, and added a sponsor requirement for new member applicants, as well as limiting guests for new members. We are approaching 1400 members which is an all-time high. Questions on the membership should be directed to our membership secretary, AmyJo at [membership@sccsfa.org](mailto:membership@sccsfa.org)

Our goal is to continually improve the Club, and add various activities and training as suggested by Club members. If you have a question or suggestion please direct it to the appropriate chairperson whose phone or e-mail address is listed on the last page directory. Or, attend your Club meetings (The last Tuesday of each month starting at 8PM).

If you have an agenda suggestion, please send it to [secretary@sccsfa.org](mailto:secretary@sccsfa.org) one week prior to the monthly meeting, and include the activities' chairperson in the email.

The activities can be open to the public, such as the trap range and the USPSA matches, and should generate enough revenue to cover the cost to the Club.

This quarter we had our first NRA Junior Shotgun program, our first Fly Fishing instruction, and our first NRA Shotgun & Black powder instructors' class. The annual NRA Women on Target was again sold out and the rifle program continues to grow. We now require all activities be taught by NRA/Craft certified instructors. It's your Club, so enjoy it and the many activities we have scheduled. The Club calendar is on the web site, please check it and the "what's new" section for updates.

### Junior Programs at the Club

Larry Bickings – Chairman, Junior programs - This newsletter highlights the many activities available to members' children; the pride shown in the accomplishment is worth the work. All instructors volunteer their time and are NRA/Craft certified. If you would like information on our junior programs contact Larry Bickings at [junior@sccsfa.org](mailto:junior@sccsfa.org)

## Junior Shotgun Program

The smile says it all! After much planning, the program came together April 21st with the first Junior Shotgun class being taught by Steve Bunnell. The first class was basic safety and nomenclature of the equipment. The new Model 870 junior shotguns from the Friends of the NRA grant arrived, as well as the two that Dave Hutchins refurbished. These will be kept in a safe and are available for use by Junior members that have completed the NRA program. The training continued for four more Saturdays. All the students completed the program. The following Students received awards for their skills.



Luke Cowart, Marksman 1<sup>st</sup> Class



Phillip Clauhs, Marksman



Micah Watson, Pro-Marksman



## Basic Muzzle loading Rifle Class

Drew Gregg

SCCSFA will host a Basic Muzzleloading Rifle Class in August. 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. Questions, contact me at [blackpowder@scsfa.org](mailto:blackpowder@scsfa.org)

To register for the class please go to:

[www.nrainstructors.org/SignupStudent.aspx?id=113315](http://www.nrainstructors.org/SignupStudent.aspx?id=113315)

## Basic Muzzle Loading Rifle Instructors Course

Drew Greg, SCCSFA

Black Powder chairman is shown completing the NRAMLR Basic Muzzle loading Rifle instructors Course.

Congratulations to **Drew Gregg**

**John Flynn** and **Gary Tozzo** for the successful completion of the course. All

of our instructors are now NRA/Craft

certified. The Club is waiting for

the delivery of 2 youth model

black powder rifles to start the junior

program. For information contact Greg

at: [blackpowder@scsfa.org](mailto:blackpowder@scsfa.org)

The course teaches the basic knowledge,

skills, and attitude essential to the safe

and efficient use of a muzzle

loading rifle. The course is 12 hours in

length and includes classroom instruction

and time on the range shooting a muzzle loading rifle. Students learn the NRA's three rules for safe gun handling; parts; loading; shooting; cleaning, shooting from a standing position and shooting from a crossed stick position; and continued opportunities for skill development. Students will receive the Muzzle loading Rifle Handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, Muzzle loading Student Examination, Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification booklet and course completion certificate.



## Fish-Lake Committee Opening Day

Sonny Maddalozzo – Chairman, Fish & Lake Committee

Prior to opening day, the lake was stocked with both normal size and trophy trout. They were carefully placed around the lake using 5 gallon buckets by the Club volunteers. On opening date the process was reversed. Even the fish is smiling. Shown are Amy, Eric and Anna on opening day.



## “Fly” Fishing

Sonny Maddalozza, Chairman, Fish & Lake Committee

Fly tying is the process of producing an artificial fly to be used by anglers to catch fish via means of fly fishing. "Fly-tying is a simple process of binding various materials to a hook with thread". Fly patterns represent the “recipe” required to create the fly—what hook size(s) types to use, what materials are to be used, what colors, in what sequence and by what methods are they assembled on the hook. These are the elements of fly patterns. Of patterns, there are thousands. A program was presented by Dan Orgen of Orvis on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the lake to interested Club members. Our lake is annually stocked in the spring with Trout and has a resident population of catch & release bass. The lake is open to Club members only with a fishing license.



## NRA Women On Target® Instructional Shooting Clinic

by Maureen Polhemus,  
Instructor

Learn to Shoot!

And that we did, to a full House. Instructors Maureen, Patty, Robin, presented the NRA First Steps Pistol Course to a class of 26.

The program was sold out and will be repeated again, in September

The 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. ☐



**Assistance is needed:** The Club publishes a quarterly newsletter which we presume you are familiar with. Copies are on the web site. We are now in need of a person or team to perform layout of the next few newsletters, using copy & graphics from various members, all edited by me and then funneled to the layout artist. No writing or travel will be required, just layout, which can be performed at your home or office, or school. This is an excellent learning project for a school group. The newsletter is distributed via email as a pdf; they need not be concerned with preparation for printing, since we do not print any copies. Candidates could include an art or journalism student looking to add an accomplishment to their resume, or an art instructor. Please review any contacts you may have and approach them about this project, Regards,  
LouFlanagan [Louis@APO146.com](mailto:Louis@APO146.com) 610-640-1600

# NRA Junior Pistol Camp in Fairfax, Virginia

Lou Flannagan

## NRA Sets Dates for 2012 National Junior Pistol Camp

Some of America's top shooters will be in the news very soon as they compete in the 2012 Olympic Games in London. And Junior shooters with their own Olympic dreams should sign up early for NRA's annual Junior Pistol Camp, to be held July 10-15, 2012, at Camp Perry, Ohio in conjunction with NRA's National Rifle and Pistol Championships.

This camp is without doubt one of the single most effective training sessions in competitive pistol shooting a Junior can find.

Camp students will receive expert coaching in the fundamental principles and techniques of conventional and international pistol shooting. "This is a great opportunity for any youngster who wants to improve his or her pistol skills and advance to national or international levels," said Head Coach Richard Pearson. "All instruction and coaching will be conducted by outstanding NRA Certified Coaches." The camp is primarily designed for intermediate and advanced shooters, but beginners will be accepted on a space-available basis. Shooters need to be at least 12 years old. Students who have not reached their 18th Birthday by July 1, 2012, must be accompanied to Camp Perry by an adult sponsor (age 21 or older). An adult may not sponsor more than three junior students.

Enrollment will be limited to 50 students. The pistol camp activities will not conflict with the .22 cal. stage of the Pistol Championships, and students enrolled at the pistol camp will be able to also participate in the .22 cal. matches. Entry fees for the National Championships are not included in the camp registration fees.



## Registration and Fees

Registration forms and fees for the camp will be accepted at NRA Headquarters on a first-come, first-served basis. For all mailed entries, the earliest postmarks will be used to determine order of acceptance.

Registration fees cover all administrative costs and training materials. (The registration fees do not cover other costs such as travel and room and board.)

- **Travel Expense Reimbursement:** First-time campers are eligible for tuition and travel reimbursements up to \$500.00 per individual, up to a total of \$5000.00 for the entire camp. You must provide receipts and or vehicle mileage. The Ohio Collectors Association generously provides this support.

- **Advance Registration:** The fee for advance registration is \$200.00 per student, and must be received by the NRA not later than June 15, 2012.

- **Standard Registration:** The fee for standard registration is \$225.00 per student. This fee will be charged for students whose registration materials are received after June 15, 2012 (postmarks will determine acceptance of all mailed materials), or for students who register directly at Camp Perry. Refunds will have a 20% administrative fee deducted.

For registration forms and additional information, call or write:  
**National Rifle Association  
Training Department  
Education and Training  
Division**  
11250 Waples Mill Road  
Fairfax, VA 2203  
(703) 267-1411  
**Send email to:**  
cnewcomb@nrahq.org  
**For more information  
On NRA's National Rifle  
And Pistol  
Championships,  
visit:** [www.nrahq.org/compete/nm\\_camperry.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nm_camperry.asp).

# NRA Basic Rifle Course

David Stephens – Rifle Committee



*Shown is Dave Hutchins, Instructor reviewing the day's lesson in the classroom followed by the application on the range*

The course teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for the safe use of a rifle in target shooting. This course is at least 14 hours long and includes classroom and range time. Students learn the NRA's rules for safe gun handling, rifle parts, range rules, shooting from the bench rest, prone, sitting, standing and kneeling positions. Students will receive the Basics of rifle shooting handbook, NRA gun safety rules, and the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification booklet. If you do not currently have a .17 or .22 caliber rifle suitable for the program, we do have a limited number of rifles that can be used while we are at the range. The Club has recently acquired 6 vintage Vostok CM-2 Olympic rifles and I am in the process of cleaning/restoring them for use with the program. We will be providing the targets, but adults must supply their own ammunition. I do have a supply of CCI .22 caliber standard velocity target ammunition that can be purchased through the Club. The current price is \$23.50 for a brick of 500 rounds. The NRA award packets for the program are \$8.00 for each skill level and \$3.00 for each sharpshooter bar pin. The award packet consists of the skill rank rocker patch, pin and parchment certificate to document your achievement. Questions to Dave Hutchins at 302.998.5450 or David Stephens at 610.383.5710.

## Congratulations

Stephanie Sarosky- Sharpshooter  
Bob Watson- Sharpshooter Bar2  
Charlie Beatty- Sharpshooter Bar3  
Bob Clauser- Marksman First Class  
Sam Seelam- Marksman 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
Jimmy Booker- Junior Marksman

Francis James Taibi- Pro-Marksman  
Donna Stephenson- Pro marksman  
David R. Stephens- Expert  
Dennis Klavans- Sharpshooter  
David Hutchins- Expert  
Benjamin David Haar- Pro-Marksman

# USPSA May Match

Tim Ringler

Seventy-five pistol-shooters assembled on the SCCS&FA range May 19th for the monthly match of the USPSA. Each of them were looking for the optimum balance between speed, accuracy and power as they competed over seven different courses of fire on a day tailor-made for shooting.

Walt White, Jim Norman, Bucky Pollard, Charlie Fountain and Jim Hand each found that balance, posting best scores in the production, limited, limited 10, open and single stack divisions, respectively.

Practical shooting is a serious sport for serious shooters and the competitors at the May match certainly qualified. On each of the seven courses, competitors shot at a series of targets - some static, some active and some solid - laid out in a pattern that changes each month. Their objective was to score two hits on each target, while on the move and under pressure of a running clock. Scores are determined by a combination of accuracy, knock-downs and time; the more of the first and second and the less of the third, the better.

Each shooter must puzzle-out the order of target engagement that he thinks will best fit his style for each course, then test his plan against reality when a range officer starts the timer for his turn. Economy of motion and a well-laid plan of engagement confer a distinct advantage but a competitor can never move fast enough to make up for missed targets. As the seasoned shooter knows: "You can't miss fast enough to win."

As conscious of safety as they are of scoring well, contestants are the picture of concentration as they prepare for their turn. When the course is clear and the range officer hits the timer, it's time to put strategy into action. The RO moves through the course of fire with each competitor and verifies an empty chamber and a safe gun at the end. Then it's time to tote the scores and see if the plan worked. The best scores are the product of a careful mix of eyes, head, hands and feet.

Come out and watch a competition some time. It's a great way to spend a day at the Club. And you might find yourself itching to compete at the next match. You'll be in good company: the USPSA is an international organization and the matches at our Club are USPSA sanctioned events. Visit [www.uspsa.org](http://www.uspsa.org) to learn more.





## Membership Update

AmyJo Hutchins, Membership Chair

As of April 24, 2012, SCCSFA has revised the requirements for new members. Specifically:

### **Procedure for prospective members with no sponsor**

1. Must pre-register and have all forms and any other requested information submitted to Membership Chairperson no later than 7 days prior to the General Meeting held on the last Tuesday of each month.
2. Must attend a General Meeting, and then an Executive Meeting to petition the Executive Committee for membership.
3. All memberships are contingent on the decisions of the Executive Committee.
4. After the Executive Meeting you will be sent an email of the Board's decision by the Membership Chairperson.
5. After approval has been done then new members will be added to next available new member orientation meeting

### **Procedure for prospective members with Sponsors**

1. Must pre-register and have all forms and any other requested information submitted to Membership Chairperson no later than seven days prior to General Meeting.
2. The list of sponsored applicants will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee each month.
3. All memberships are contingent on the decisions of the Executive Committee.

### **Sponsor Duties**

1. Must be a member of SCCS&FA for at least one calendar year (12 months).
2. Can only sponsor one adult or family per month.
3. Must attend the new member orientation with the new member they are sponsoring (No exceptions).
4. Must appear before the board if a member they sponsored violates any rules in the first calendar year (12 months)

### **New Members**

1. Are considered probationary members for one calendar year (12 months).
2. Cannot bring a guest for the first calendar year (12 months).
3. Cannot sponsor anyone for the first calendar year (12 months).

Please direct any questions to [membership@sccsfa.org](mailto:membership@sccsfa.org).

## **SCCSFA Information Technologies Committee Report**

Dave Markowitz

Ten updates to the website and Facebook page were made since the last meeting. The Facebook page is at 125 users (up 2 from last month). Also, we are working to implement a new website employing a content management system. A preview of the new site may be viewed at <http://www.sccsfa.org/livesite>. PCI Compliance/Network Security was also done. Our web site is hosted off site, so electrical problems no longer affect it.

### **Help Wanted: Kitchen Chairperson**

SCCSFA is in need of someone to take over running the kitchen in the Clubhouse. If you are interested in helping out, please contact our Membership Director, Amy Jo Hutchins, at [membership@sccsfa.org](mailto:membership@sccsfa.org).

# Membership Meetings

Tim Ringler

Our meetings are open to all members, attend once a year, your input is needed to help operate the Club. These are my notes from the May 2012, meeting.

The May members' meeting marked the first month in which we observed our new sponsorship rules for prospective members. Following the new members' orientation session, each prospective member was asked to stay for the membership meeting, introduce themselves to the Club and to express their interest in and motivation for joining SCCS&FA. Twenty of the thirty nine prospective members did so, including several former members returning to the Club.

After the prospective members left the meeting, Derek Strine asked for comments from the members in attendance about how the new introductory process served the Club's objective of vetting new members. Several members commented favorably on the procedure, with one offering the observation that "Good members aren't necessarily good public speakers."

Other members asked about establishing a more clearly defined process for handling applicants for membership who do not have a sponsor, and what we should do in the event that a sponsor is absent from a new member's orientation meeting. The Club officers agreed that better definition would be helpful. Mark Garfinkel recommended that we consider engaging a paid membership clerk/club manager, if the Club's membership rolls continue growing. **Membership now stands at 1,313.** In other new business, Gordon Hendry was appointed as chairman of the range committee, which was vacant. Priorities will be to get the anticipated range audit done and fully implement current NRA policies and range procedures.

The roof on the 25 yard range is 90% complete. Remaining panels required to finish are on order.

## **The committee chairmen made their reports, with these notable items:**

**Junior Program:** completion of the junior shotgun course, with three shooters receiving their Pro Marksman awards. Receipt of four Remington Model 870 youth shotguns from the NRA. Two other refinished 20 gauge shotguns donated. Once the safe is received, this will be available for Junior shooters on Sunday that have completed the course.

**Kitchen:** Kitchen is now open on Saturday and Sunday, with Sunday volume improving. Amy Hutchins has opened discussions with food distributors and a restaurant operator in pursuit of better pricing on purchased food and supplies.

### **Rifle, Dave Stephens:**

Refurbishing work on the recently purchased match rifles continues.

**IT:** New updates to club website and Facebook page which now has 119 members.

**Pistol:** Sixty-two participants at the May USPSA match.

**On-line reservation process:** Improvements mentioned

**Shotgun:** Interest continues to build in trap shooting, generally sold out on Sunday.

## Treasurers Report

Steve Bunnell, Club Treasurer

Our checking account had a beginning balance of \$6,015.71 and an ending of \$16,178.27

Our reserve saving account started with \$140,532.36 and ended with \$123,555.46

Questions can be made at the meeting or by email to myself.

## NRA Shotgun Instructors course

Delaware firearms training conducted a NRA basic instructors & shotgun instructors course in May. The new instructors will add to our ability to increase the NRA instruction at the Club.



Todd makes a point in the classroom



While Jim Gill explains to Tom Safina how it works



The course covered both classroom and extensive range procedures. Here instructor candidates learn how to “point” while Todd Morgan, NRA training counselor reviews.

**Congratulations to the following members who completed the course**

**Stephen P. Biello, Ron P. Clauhs, James Allen Gill, Gordon G. Hendry,**

**Thomas Safina, John D. Paul, David Richard Stephens, Roger Boyce, John Maquire**

**John Calderaio, Doug Briggs**

## NRA Annual Meeting 2012 Second Amendment Strong

Harry Hitchcock

Our liberty lives in the Second Amendment. It is the fundamental right that separates us from all other nations. Despite what our self-serving media and politicians may say to mislead us.

“Our forefathers knew what they were doing when they drafted the Bill Of Rights”. They all came to America from lands ruled by Despots, Dictators or Kings. If the Second Amendment is lost;

“We and our Children’s Children

shall soon lose all our rights”! My family has served this country for over 200 years in either the Military or Law Enforcement. They have paid dearly in both blood and sweat to maintain those rights and freedom.

“An armed man is a citizen”

“An unarmed man is a subject” Over 70 thousand citizens attended the 2012 NRA annual meeting in St Louis, we as a family were among them. We wish to share our experience and ask you to stand with us for freedoms sake.

(Editors note Harry is on the left)



## Junior Trap Camp Offered this Summer

Steve Bunnell

“Trap Camp” will be offered to our junior members age 12 to 17 the week of July 16 to 20th, 2012.

The NRA Junior shotgun fall program will be offered October 6th through 24th (Rain date

Nov. 3rd). This is a joint presentation of the NRA and the Amateur Trapshooting

Association (ATA). In July, the group will meet Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am to 12

noon. In October, the group will meet four Saturdays, October 6th thru

24th, following the same guidelines as the July session.

Each session will include basic instruction covering firearm

safety, rules and etiquette on the trap field, and practice of the

fundamentals involved in trap shooting. This will be followed each day

with two rounds of regulation trap shooting which may be applied to

NRA Marksmanship Qualification awards. The cost for this course is

\$25.00 each and includes instructional materials and the cost of targets.

Students must bring their own shot shells appropriate

to their shotgun. The club has several 12 and 20 gauge shotguns which are available for those

wishing to participate who do not own an appropriate shotgun. Space is limited to 5 students per

class. To register, please send your contact information, student name and age

to [shotgunsports@sccsfa.org](mailto:shotgunsports@sccsfa.org).



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