



Club Bulletin

1st Quarter 2023

Southern Chester County Sportsmen's and Farmers' Association

720 Sportsmen Lane Kennett Square, PA

Elected Officers and Directors for 2023



John Primus, President

We've had an exciting 2022 seeing many projects completed bringing added direct benefits to the membership. Most importantly, we learned by working together and staying focused, much can be accomplished.

This year, 2023, will be no exception. For starters, it is the 75th anniversary of the club, and I asked John Flynn to suggest plans for the celebration.

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We also hope to see the construction of a storage facility to replace the deteriorated sheds at the ranges. The building will be used by the Pistol, Rifle, Jr Program, and Black Powder Committees. There will also be an area dedicated to house maintenance equipment used on the ranges.

A survey of the northern and southern portions of the property is planned to establish a well-defined boundary line with our neighbors.

The construction of a redesigned trap range will be in the making. The new range will offer a variety of disciplines and will have state of the art shot curtains installed to confine the lead.

Probably the most important item for us is to come together with our neighbors along the lane to develop the long overdue maintenance agreement for the driveway.

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With the support of the Executive Committee, two working committees have been recognized.

The Clubhouse Committee:

These volunteers provide a vital service in maintaining a quality appearance to the clubhouse interior. It is of benefit to all members and guests. Their efforts complement our goal to portray the SCCSFA as a 1st Class organization. It is chaired by longtime clubhouse volunteer Chuck Farnan.

The Mentor Committee:

There are about 3 dozen members on this committee. Their task is to meet with and instruct all perspective members about the club's rules and regulations, and to ensure they can safely handle a firearm on the range. The Mentor process is the only pathway to becoming a member. Jack Conomon, Scott Dembek, and Chuck Ditzel make up the Mentor Review Board overseeing the mentor volunteers within the committee and Chuck Ditzel acts as the liaison between the Mentor and Executive Committees.

Two short-term committees were also formed.

The Driveway Easement Committee:

Its sole purpose is to take the lead between the Executive committee and our neighbors to develop an updated driveway agreement to adequately maintain a safe passage. Brad Lehman chairs the committee.

The By-Laws Committee:

Through time the organization and its activities have grown which led to the safety, membership, and leadership expectations to evolve. The By-Laws need to reflect today's standards. Acting as the By-Laws Committee Chairman is Robert Detweiler.

This year we will strive to increase the memberships participation and fellowship within the organization. Our meetings, workdays, and most events will now have refreshments and time for fellowship. So please read the emails requesting help, pick one that fits your interest or talent and sign-up. Volunteering is a great way to meet and share time with members, and is a valuable service to your club.

Finally, The SCCSFA has been a part of my family by providing activities, fun times and good friends. I hope it will do the same for you.

Since its inception, my father, one of the first members, a past president and long-time Game Committee Chairman, raised pheasants with the committee and released them prior to hunting season on farms owned by members that allowed hunting.

My brother, a president in the 70s, spearheaded the purchase of our clubhouse from the Peach Bottom Power Plant at the end of its construction.

My time will not match their accomplishments or that of the many other men and woman contributing, with passion, to our organization, but I wish to thank you for entrusting me with this role. I am honored, humbled, and promise to give it the best I have.

Officers Election (1 Year Term)



John Flynn, Vice President

John has been a member for over 30 years. In that time he served as a Director, the chairman of the Full-Auto Committee, CO-Chairman of the Field Day event, and serves on the Facilities Committee. He was instrumental in the rebuilding of all shooting sheds, complete with concrete floors, fans, Wi-Fi, and electric. He is a Benefactor Level NRA member, and a rifle, pistol, shotgun, and Chief RSO instructor, as well as a USAS Certified Rifle Coach. His goal for 2023 is to assist with the revamping of the Trap Range, Field Day and the 75th Anniversary celebration..



Steve Bunnell, Treasurer

Steve is returning to his role as Treasurer and is excited to share that "The club is in a good financial position as we proceed with several improvements to the club property in 2023."



Rob Detweiler, Secretary

Rob stated, "It is an honor to have been re-elected as a member of the Executive Committee. I have proudly served as Secretary for over 8 years. I look forward to being a part of the upkeep and upgrading of our facilities."

Directors Election (Elected to a 2 Year Term)



Joe Neuman

Joe is also a multi-term Director and active member of the Facilities and Field Day Committees. The Pole Barn Project is only one of many Joe has seen to completion.

Directors Election (Elected to a 2 Year Term)



Percy Reynolds

This is Percy's 4th term as a Director. He has been the Archery Chairman for nine years and an active member in the Facilities Committee and Tractor Operators Group. He has served many years as a PA State Archery Assoc. Director. He is a level 2 Instructor, a Pro Staff with PSE Archery and Staff for Dead Center and for Stan Releases.



Jon Hodges

Jon is the Chairman of the Pistol Committee, and is in charge of all the USPS, and other competitive pistol matches at the Club. He is an active member of the Facilities committee and can be found on Sunday mornings performing maintenance duties with another group of dedicated volunteers.



George Phelps

This is George's first term. He is anxious to use his experience running youth organizations to assist the Executive Committee in guiding the Club's progress.

Director (Appointed to a 1 Year Term)



David Jahn

David, as the past President, has the privilege of serving as the Executive Officer-at-Large on the Executive Committee. David has also served as, Secretary, Vice President, and now as the Membership Chairman.

From the Editors Desk *by John Primus*



The Newsletter committee is growing. Join me in welcoming Bob Angelo (Right) and Tom Rutecki (Left). Both joined the club in 2022 and are already eager to get involved. Together they intend to continue the quarterly newsletter as well as the monthly news briefs. If you have an interest in joining the newsletter team



please email us at newsletter@sccsfa.org

2022 Annual Reports

Article 4 of the By-Laws states: *“At the January General Meeting, all chairpersons shall present a report consisting of activities, budget and schedule for the upcoming year.”* The following are the reports submitted.

Archery *by Percy Reynolds,* Plans for 2023 include pouring and installing new yardage markers and moving the target butts at the Byrd Rd course. At the indoor range, offer a 5-week animal league once the Winter League has finished. Offer an outdoor target league on range behind clubhouse. Continue with the Unionville High after-school program which has 20 participants. Finally, if arrangements can be coordinated by David Lee, we will welcome the Canadian Archery Team who has requested to use the outdoor archery range.

Black Powder *by David Stephens,* The 2023 shoot schedule is published on the calendar. Events are held on the second Saturday of each month starting in March on the 50-yard range. We are in need of shoot masters to facilitate the matches.

Camping *by Jamie Nardozi,* In 2023 we are planning to host three overnight camp outs, one per month, in April, June and August. The committee will supply all cooking equipment, firewood, food, beverages, and offer activities and prizes.

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2022 Annual Reports (Continued from page 5)

Clubhouse by *Chuck Farnan*, Group will continue with the general cleaning service, as our primary focus, of the meeting room, bathrooms, storage room, and office. This year we also plan to replace the old curtains with mini-blinds and a valance across the top, and freshen up the walls with a coat of paint.

Education by *Sean Zhang*, The Education Committee will continue supporting the Club by providing quality courses and seminars on firearm safety and education, reviewing and recommending course proposals submitted by outside instructors, and responding to members' demands on any additional activities.

Field Day by *John Flynn & Joe Neuman*, The upcoming 2023 SCCS&FA Field Day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd . This may change depending upon when Kennett Square has it's "Mushroom Festival" and Chadds Ford it's "Chadds Ford Days". This year will be the 75th Anniversary of the "Sportsmen's and Farmers' Association". The Committee will attempt to make this Field Day an event to remember. The Committee plans to duplicate all events from last year and to invite all of our neighboring farmers to participate. Taking a "getting back to our roots" approach as a Sportsmen's and Farmers' organization, we will request displays of farm equipment and presentations of what local farms are currently producing in our area. The Committee has also been informed our organization began as a coalition of farmers and hunters to raise pheasants and that our current property was initially purchased as a bird raising area. Perhaps we can amplify that point during the upcoming Field Day. We will once again have a local fire company, County Police, university security dog presentation, military vehicles, PA Hunter Safety display, etc. Shooting events on all ranges will be scheduled and food will be plentiful. We plan to enlarge the "Flea Market" as everyone really enjoyed that event and perhaps recognize the longest living members of the Club. We are planning to keep the budget the same as last year at \$2500.

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Fish and Lake *by Sonny Maddalozzo & Mark Fenster,* For 2023 we will have Solitude Pond Management performing maintenance every two weeks to insure we have healthy pond. The trout stocking is scheduled for March 30th and April 20th, with a possible Fall stocking. In addition plans are being formed to stock Large Mouth Bass, Crappie, and feeder fish, consisting of minnows and Blue Gill. Saturday, April first is the opening day of Trout season, starting at 8 AM. As in the past, Juniors, under the age of 18 will have the exclusive fishing privilege between 8 and 9 o'clock. Adults can drop their lines at 9 AM. We will again host a Kids Fishing Derby for Juniors 15 years old and younger. The kitchen will also be open for our traditional fisherman's breakfast. As a reminder, there is a Three fish limit per member or junior per day, No guests are ever allowed to fish, and finally, anyone 16 and older is required to have a PA fishing license and trout permit to fish at the Lake.

Full Auto *by John Flynn,* For 2023 the Committee plans to hold at least two "Machine Gun Shoots". These will take place on Wednesdays, between noon and 3 pm. They are tentatively scheduled for May and October. Dr. Todd and his wife, both of whom are SCCSFA members, have offered to assist in these events. The Committee plans to start out slowly but positively and work to establish the SCCSFA as the paramount full auto sportsman's club in Chester County. As a point of fact, in all of Southeast PA, we are the only club with members permitted to shoot full auto.

IT *by Don Sloat,* For 2023 projects include Lake camera and pole installation, Office network equipment and cabling organization, replacement of three Network Switches, and the Camera Systems NVR replacement.

Kitchen / Hospitality *by David Ham,* As well as serving all attending our annual Field Day, for 2023 the committee plans to have light refreshments at our meetings, and to serve breakfast and lunch at fish day or at any other special event.

2022 Annual Reports (Continued from Page 7)**Jr. Program** by Mark Fenster

As we focus on 2023, we expect the nine people to continue with the 4 Position Program. We may offer marksmen with the rank of Sharpshooter or higher to participate in other disciplines including Pistol and Hunter Marksman. Both of these disciplines have been offered in the past. The committee is also considering other disciplines depending on people's interests, as well as instructors and RSO availability. This might include High Power Rifle. The club does not have rifles, targets or ammo for this discipline and would require additional funding. Additionally, as the shotgun range is improved, this could be considered an offering. We do not limit this just to Juniors (those 12-17) but allow adults to participate. The club does not provide ammo, targets, or awards to adults. They are responsible for their own equipment. Arrangements can be made for adults if needed during an introduction period to become familiar with the program. Juniors have priority to resources over adults. All instructors in the program have up to date Child

Mentors by Chuck Ditzel

In January 2023, approximately 68 mentoring sessions have been performed and there are an additional 22 PM's currently in the system who are working on completing their mentoring requirements. We are producing an on-line Mentoring Program for our mentors to refresh their knowledge how to achieve the outcome expected by the Executive Committee. We will continue to work with the Membership Group to make weekly updates to the Schedule, in an effort to transition Perspective Members from the Membership Backlog to Full Membership, in an orderly manner.

Newsletter by John Primus

In 2023, the newsletter will be transitioning from John Primus to a team of members interested in producing and editing the Quarterly Newsletter and Monthly News Briefs. Interest? contact, newsletter@sccsfa.org

Pistol by Jon Hodges

In 2023, the dates for Matches are: 4-15-23 USPSA; 4-29-23 Steel; 5-20-23 USPSA; 6-17-23 USPSA; 7-17-23 USPSA; 7-29-23 Steel; 8-19-23 USPSA; 9-16-23 USPSA; 9-30-23 Steel; 10-21-23 USPSA and 11-18-23 USPSA

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Rifle by Al Wells

In 2023, the Committee plans to hold a few “fun” rifle matches to gauge members’ interest and build a team of volunteers. Ideas being considered are a vintage military rifle match, a modern sporting arms match, and a small bore match. Additionally, the club rifle ranges will be inspected to determine suitability for future sanctioned matches. Deficiencies will be reported, and possible remedies proposed. Our final goal is to have regular sanctioned and “fun” matches each year going forward.

Trap by John Flynn

Plans for 2023 include revamping of the shotgun program and facilities. We will begin by moving the trap field to a position more favorable to containing the spent shot. A new trap house and 27 yard shooting line will be constructed and shot curtains erected. The shot curtains will capture the spent shot and allow it to be reclaimed and minimize environmental contamination of our property. The shot curtains will also act as a sound barrier. Once complete, the Committee will propose appropriate shooting events to be enjoyed by our members and guests.

2023 Capital Expenditures Notice from the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is now considering two capital projects which in the future may be brought before the membership for approval. The Committee wants you to be aware of them and encourages you to attend the monthly general meetings to become familiar with the details surrounding these projects.

Although the projects are in the conception phase, and therefore a proposed budget has not been determined, a preliminary budget for discussion purposes has been set.

- Pole Building for range committees and maintenance, \$45,000
- Trap Range and Shot Curtains, \$80,000

In addition, there is always maintenance and upkeep issues to approve in order to maintain the grounds needed for a 1st Class organization.

Again, please come out to the monthly membership meetings to stay in-

Legislative News by Larry Bicking

Members should be making calls to their state reps and voicing their opposition to any legislation weakening our 2nd Amendment Rights.

Officials are looking for a new way to crack down on the "iron pipeline" of illegal weapons funneling into the state. Click on the link for more information.

https://patch.com/pennsylvania/across-pa/one-handgun-month-new-gun-control-bill-proposed-pa?utm_source=shared-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=share

The ATF final ruling is now in the Federal Register and goes into effect on 5/28/23.

The final rule on stabilizing braces has been determined to be as follows.

Stabilizing braces on pistols are no longer legal if the brace has a surface that can be mounted to the shoulder. Owners of stabilizing braces having been deemed no longer legal may be in possession of the brace as long as it is not installed on a pistol. If not mounted on a pistol the brace is considered to be an accessory.

if you have a stabilizing brace you have 3 options of compliance with the new final rule.

- 1) install a minimum 16" barrel to make it legal as a rifle
- 2) remove the pistol brace from your pistol and don't use it
- 3) submit an ATF e-form 2 and declare it to be a SBR (\$200 tax stamp is waived for this year but not for following years)

The final rule is being challenged in court by several organizations as it was never voted on by congress, but it remains to be seen how it works out.

Recent Club Snapshots Photo Credits, John Primus



L –R George Phelps, John Primus, John Flynn Joe Neuman, Rob Detweiler (Back)



Monthly Pistol Competition
Chairman Jon Hodges, far right



New Boundary Markers
along Property Line



January General Meeting



Phil Sloat &
IT Chairman, Don Sloat, Right

Club Officers, Contacts and Important Dates

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General Meeting Dates:

March 28@ 7:00pm

April 25@ 7:00pm

May 30 @ 7:00pm

June 27 @ 7:00pm

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