



Somerset County Fish and Game Protective Association (SCFGPA)

April 2011 Newsletter

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George Philhower
Bob Raike (House & Grounds)
Andy Yadlosky
John Zampini (Archery)**

March 2nd Meeting Highlights

by Rick Gandenberger

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Mondok at 8:00 with a Pledge of Allegiance. The following Trustees were present: President: Paul Mondok, Ken Ciok, Rick Gandenberger, George Philhower, Bob Raike, Bill Rickvalsky, Andy Yadlosky, and Joe Zjawiony (Federation).

A quorum was called for and identified. Last meeting's Minutes were read and accepted.

Tony Pikman, a USA National Team Rapid Fire Shooter, reported on his experiences and explained his sport, which is represented at International events other than the Olympics. Rapid Fire Pistol events use 22LR at 25 Meters and take 8, 6 or 4 seconds per five target round. He also displayed his medals and the sign identifying him in competitions as a member of SCFGPA.

Membership: 17 prospective members were introduced and 5 admitted on a motion for a vote of hands.

House & Grounds: Bob Raike, House & Grounds Committee Chairman, reported the Big Bore fan is fixed. The next work day will be 5 March.

Federation: Joe Zjawiony reported the NJ Federation of Sportsmans Clubs meets the Wednesday following our General Meeting. Division of Fish & Wildlife is getting a large grant from the Pittman Roberson Fund for Fish & Game. They will be copying the range layout of SCFGPA's archery range in Hunter Education statewide. There will be a turkey hunting seminar at Pequest Trout Hatchery on March 5th. Turkey hunting permits are still available. There's a Fishing Flea Market in Manville at Fire Co #3 on the 13th and The Saltwater Fishing Expo is at Garden State Exhibit Ctr 18-20 March. Salt water fishing requires State registration (free online). See <http://www.njfsfc.org/> and look for the weekly updates.

Legislative: The Legislature reconvened 6 January. There has been no significant action regarding sporting issues. All action has been in the courts.

Treasurer: Bill Rickvalsky produced an abbreviated and summarized Treasurer's report because our credit union's online services were down, which was read and accepted. We have had 584 renewals and 300 forms have still not been returned. Failure to renew by the April General Meeting will result in access card inactivation and require a re-initiation of membership.

LEAGUES

Archery: John Zampini reported the archers now have orientation equipment for new members.

Trap and High Power: No Report.

IDPA: Bob Raike reported the next practice will be on the 16th for the match on the 20th. In the last match 47 started and 43 finished the qualification match.

Junior Rifle: SCFGPA shooters won the Ft Benning Postal Match and are the National Champions! Amy Bach, Alex Rivera and Jordan Toriano were presented with a round of applause and their certificates of achievement.

Junior Pistol: No Report

Ladies Pistol: No Report. The next meeting is 3/3/11.

Senior Pistol: Jim Bain announced the schedule of the Greenbrook Police League as running from 7 May to 17 September, replacing the Winter Hardball League which ends April 30th. The Police League requires shooting with 38 Cal Revolvers.

Suburban Pistol League: Ralph reports that they do not have a full line and all are welcome.

Archery Training: The first meeting of the bow-hunter education instructor committee will be 3/20. Ken Ciok reports that archery hunting applications now exceed Black Powder and Shotgun combined. 130 have been licensed thru SCFGPA.

Pistol Training: Cameron Green has stepped up to run the NRA First Steps program for SCFPA members who lack pistol qualification. In the 7 February class 9 members completed NRA Basic Pistol. New Members may be assigned to the class on a schedule but other interested members may

also apply. It's the most economical certification available. Members with NRA Instructor tickets are invited to participate.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS: Andy Yadlosky moved that a second Archery Day be scheduled for Saturday, 14 May, during which the firearm ranges will be closed. The motion passed unanimously.

Ken Ciok moved that the last Saturday of the month be scheduled for Hunter Education in the Meeting Room from 9am to 3pm for the months of April to October. As the Meeting Room will be occupied, those using the ranges are requested to move directly from the side door to the facilities or the range. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave reported on a trip to Arizona including the Scottsdale Gun Club. A Motion to adjourn was passed at 8:45pm.

Archery Range Report April 2011

by John Zampini

Well, as I write this report for April, the snow, hail, freezing rain and "thunder & lighting" outside my window are a very unwelcome reminder of the fickle weather this time of year in NJ. I "was" planning to write about the end of the Thursday night "snowball league" and introduce a possible new name for our Thursday night gatherings with the onset of spring, but the weather has other plans.

I've had a few suggestions so far, one that showed promise was from our good friends at the Division of F&W. Their suggestion was the "Spring Peeper League," named for one of the small amphibious creatures that tend to sound off very boisterously come spring. But, some of the fellas were a bit intimidated thinking we would have to actually shoot these little critters with our bows and arrows, (some of the boys are getting up in age, eyesight's not what it used to be!) while the rest of the guys thought it sounded a bit too lecherous for our beloved SCFGPA! So, needless to say we have yet to come up with a name for our springtime Thursday night gathering. If anyone has any fitting (and appropriate) suggestions, please see one of us at the next meeting.

One of our last shoots for the winter was on St. Patrick's Day evening. Ken Ciok volunteered to supply the corned beef and cabbage for everyone to enjoy. We made an exception for "the Lads" and dispensed with any wild game this particular Thursday. Ken's "Ciok Wagon" (as you will see in the pictures) was the modern version of the old cook's wagon that was a welcome sight to men on the trail back in the day. Well, Ken's "wagon" also proved to be a welcome sight for our archers on St. Paddy's day! Although, I think I heard Andy pacing around and muttering under his breath something about not being able to cook "corned beef" over a campfire!!! Don't worry Andy, back to the wild game next week!

St. Paddy's Day did bring in some temporary mild weather and with it about 20 or so fellas out on the range. I believe it was our biggest gathering to date. Hell, we even had a guest from North Dakota who got up on the line and released his first arrow ever! Imagine, a guy comes from North Dakota and shoots his first ever arrow in New Jersey??? And get this, the fella is part Native American...go figure!

So you see, it doesn't matter where you're from or how much experience you have, you're all welcome to come out and enjoy the sport of archery on our club's range.



Get ready for the Archery Day/Bar-B-Q



SCFGPA Archery Day/Bar-B-Q



Saturday May 14th 10:30 - 4:30

ARCHERY DEMOS

TRADITIONAL
ARCHERY,
MODERN
COMPOUNDS
AND
CROSSBOWS!



PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

TANJ
UBNJ
NJSFSC
NJDF&W

Archery
Equipment
Available for
everyone to try

Certified archery instructors on hand

Fun Shoots for the Kids!

Novelty Targets for the teens and adults!

Food & Refreshments for all!

Come on out, bring the family, try the fun and exciting
sport of archery! Maybe you'll even win a prize!

Prizes

Weather Hotline
908-256-1605

NJ Federation and Division of F & W for April 2011

by Joe Zjawiony

Federation

The Somerset County Federation met on March 9th.

Reservations are now being accepted for the Federation Dinner on June 18 at the Pines Manor in Edison. The tickets are \$50 a person and are tax deductible as the dinner is being sponsored by the New Jersey Sportsmen's Wildlife Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization. A reservation form can be printed from the website and must be returned by June 1st..

F&G

Hunting:

Leftover Turkey permits are now on sale over the counter. Looks like all zones are available. Turkey season begins on April 25th. April 23rd for youth hunters. Woodchuck season is open as well.



Fishing

Trout season opens Statewide on April 9th at 8am.. Make sure you have your new license and trout stamp. Shark River Surf Anglers Annual Kids trout contest is on April 9th. GET there early if you want a spot on Spring lake. Fish to 12 lbs!

Summer flounder regulations will be decided on April 7th. Hope to have an update after print.



Area Outdoor shows and Fishing Flea Markets - None..

And lastly, please join the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. We meet here on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00pm. Applications are on the back board or at www.njsfsc.org

League Reports

Senior Pistol: The Winter Pistol League is still in progress. We shoot from 8am until 10am on Saturdays. The courses of fire consist of three NRA National Match Short Courses plus one Police "L" Course. All firing will be from the 25 yd. line using our turning target system. The cost is \$1.00/wk. for targets.

Police Pistol League: The 2011 season starts on Saturday, May 7th and runs to September 24th from 8 – 10 am. The charge for the .38 revolver matches has been increased by \$0.50 per match (\$40.00 total for 20 matches) and the cost for both revolver and any gun is \$65.00. You can reach Eric at:

elund@att.net

908 251-3938 cell

908 753-6153 home

112 Rock Rd. W.

Green Brook, NJ 08812

Junior Pistol: Bob Reviello is still recovering from his heart surgery. Everything seems to be healing ok. He's trying to get a release date from his cardiologist so he can schedule his knee replacements. It looks like he won't be to the club until summer. He is accessing on his e-mails now and will answer any questions at wyattearpbob@earthlink.net. Please put "Junior Pistol" in the Subject box so your notes don't get sent to the "suspect" file automatically.

Ladies Pistol: Pat is expecting to be back in action again soon. She is looking forward to shooting with the ladies. Ladies Night is the first Thursday of the month. If you have any question, you can reach her at patschaal@yahoo.com

IDPA:

Somerset IDPA Match Results by Tom Richards, Match Director

Another big day! We had 35 shooters today (3 did not finish) and we shot 4 stages, had pizza and actually finished up before 4:30pm!

I've included the stage details this time so you can see stage by stage. More details including overall finish will be posted at www.nepaidpascores.net in the next few days. The score sheets are attached at the end of the printed hardcopy of the newsletter.

Thank you to all those who showed up early to help set up and to those who stuck around to break down, put away and clean up.

Thanks to all of our Safety Officers for keeping things going and getting us out at a reasonable hour today.

For those interested in experiencing more of IDPA, Easton Fish & Game will have their season opener next Sunday (weather permitting). It is my understanding that this will be a "mega match" with 12 stages of 18 rounds. You can find details for this and other local area matches at www.nepaidpascores.net as well.

Remember the 2011 NJ State IDPA Championships will be held at the Old Bridge Rifle & Pistol club outdoor June 11 & 12th. Registration will be opening up shortly and you can find the link for the match at www.nepaidpascores.net .

The Hellertown club is hosting "Hard As HELLertown II" on Memorial Day weekend and registration is already open for that event. Link can be found at the same site as above.

See you at the next match!

FOR SALE

1. Remington Model 1858 Percussion Revolver, .44 Caliber, 6 inch barrel, wood grips with cartouche OHA on left grip. \$800.00
2. Parker double-barrel 12 guage exposed hammer shotgun. Not for shooting, parts only. \$50.00

Call Whitey 908-369-6204

Calendar of Events

April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 [14] Mar	28	29	30	31	1 Apr	2
	8:00a -12:00p Morning Pistol	6:00p -11:00p Open Pistol	8:00a -12:00p Morning Pistol	6:30p -10:30p Snowball Archery League 7:30p -9:45p New Member's Orientation Mtg. By Invitation Only (Range Closed)	8:00a -11:00a April Fool's Day 8:00a -12:00p Morning Pistol 6:00p -11:00p Somerset Junior Rifle Club	8:00a -10:00a Winter Pistol League 2011 Pequest Open House, Oxford, NJ
3 [15]	4	5	6	7	8	9
2011 Pequest Open House	8:00a -12:00p Morning Pistol 6:00p -10:00p NRA First Steps, Pistol. By Invitation Only. Range Closed 9 - 10:00PM	6:00p -11:00p Open Pistol	8:00a -12:00p Morning Pistol 8:00p -10:00p General Meeting	6:00p -10:00p Ladies League 6:30p -10:30p Snowball Archery League	8:00a -12:00p Morning Pistol 6:00p -11:00p Somerset Junior Rifle Club	8:00a -10:00a Winter Pistol League 10:00a -2:00p WorkDay
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24 [18]	25	26	27	28	29	30
6:00p -11:00p Easter Sunday	8:00a -12:00p Morning Pistol	6:00p -11:00p Open Pistol	8:00a -12:00p Morning Pistol	6:30p -10:30p Snowball Archery League 7:30p -9:45p New Member's Orientation Meeting. By Invitation Only (Range Closed)	8:00a -12:00p Morning Pistol 6:00p -11:00p Somerset Junior Rifle Club	8:00a -10:00a Winter Pistol League, closing day.