



## SCCA Newsletter – Meeting at the SCCA Building on Rte. 145 East Cobleskill, NY 12043 on September 26<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Greg Warner, President of Schoharie County Conservation Association called the meetings to order with the pledge of allegiance with 15 members in attendance. Clubs represented were NWTF, Schoharie County Veterans Advocate, Schoharie Ridge Runners Snowmobile Riders, Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club, West Fulton Rod & Gun Club, Cave Country Riders, Summit Sno Riders, Long Path North Hiking Club, Richmondville Fish & Game Club, Schoharie County Whitetails Unlimited and several Associate along with Kristina Dohmann from SUNY Cobleskill. The September minutes were read and approved with a motion from Jeff Almy and second by Gearald Seyboth. The September treasurer's report was read and approved with a motion from Mark Hotaling, second by Dave Wood. The members approved both reports. **The next SCCA meeting will be held on October 24 at 7 PM @ the Cobleskill College in the Curtis Mott bldg. in room 106.**

Elections of officers were done at April's meeting. President – Greg Warner, Vice President - Doug Handy, Secretary – Mike Zeh, and Treasurer – Mike Zeh. The transfer of the funds from the Ameri-Pride Account to the Fam Funds Account was completed. Both these accounts are used to fund Scholarships for SUNY Cobleskill students, sponsor youth summer campers and help with transportation expenses for annual Educational Conventions of which the college promotes for Conservation and Fisheries.

SCCA did set up a wildlife booth at the New York Power Authority Wildlife Festival on September 28 from 10 AM to 4 PM. We were there with the support of the Schoharie County Veterans. Helping out at the Power Authority were Greg Warner, Mike Zeh, Liz and Don Reinhart, John Nesel and Doug Handy. Deb Work also helped set up the display. There were over 1500 visitors during the day. The SCCA members voted to donate \$300 to each of the Youth Trap shooter teams (Middleburgh & Richmondville/Cobleskill) to help cover the cost of clay birds.

SCCA sent Debra Work, our new SCCA-NYSCC Representative, along with Loran Work and Jacob Work representing our Schoharie County Youths to the New York Conservation Council Fall meeting held near Herkimer / Rome, New York in September. Liz & Don Reinhart resigned from that position last Spring (Thank you Liz & Don for the many years of service to the Schoharie County Sportsmen & Women). This was a three-day event with many guest speakers from various NYS DEC representatives and officers of the Council. Some of the topics reviewed were: Paper license - DEC video on paper tagging, hunting modernization; HuntFishNY app; Reasonable accommodations to use a crossbow folks strongly encouraged to submit online. Instructions on DEC website. No Fee; Copper bullets rebate; Region 3 - recreation, retention, reactivation for hunters and anglers; Great promotion outreach; Super fund: \$400 for JAKES, \$250 for others; Mentored hunts; Learn to hunt; Women in the outdoors; Wheelin Sportsman - wounded veterans; WWIA- Wounded Warriors in action; Rivers of recovery; Fishing days, community days; Pheasant program; Tackle box app; Project Aquatic; Project Wild; Hunters of color; Youth weekends; Marine registry; Wildlife restoration; Field to fork; Field to table classes; Network with other conservation agencies; Take a kid, hunting, fishing, birding; Talk with your legislative representatives-build relationships, advocate; A bill can be written once and we have to oppose it every time; Handwrite notes and letters to your representatives; Bike/hike/trails may be at the expense of the hunter; Aquatic Invasive Species; The Round Goby- Erie canal; Adirondack brook trout - DEC You Tube Biologist work they did.

President of NYSCC Chuck Parker resigned. Keith Tidball was elected as the new President; Bruce McGowan is the new Executive Director. His e-mail address is [executivedirector@or@nyscc.com](mailto:executivedirector@or@nyscc.com) or 315-894-3302 for more information.

SCCA did sponsor a four-man golf team, all SCCA members for the National Wildlife Turkey Federation in Cobleskill in August supporting NWTF. SCCA did submit their 2025 Request to the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors in August.

SCCA would like to say thank you to Fields of Grace Outreach for their generous donation of the 30 X 50 building on 7.6 acres of land. This property is located In the Town of Cobleskill on Route 145. The address is 3673 St. Rte. 145 Cobleskill, New York 12043. We setup a lawn mower schedule for mowing around the building. The membership voted on purchasing a 50" commercial Cub Cadet lawn mower for a price of \$4000. This mower came with a snow Blade and a leaf/grass bagger. We had the rest of the area brush hogged in May and August. Doug Handy and John Nesel are in charge of land scaping the property. We replaced the floor joists on one of the sheds. We did a general clean up and delivered it to Mosa. We will look into adding stones to the driveway at a later date. Still need to set up a new account with a propane company for heating the main

building. Thank you, Pastor Pete & Karen DeBartolo, for all your help in the past and present, from all the members of SCCA. SCCA has applied for a Real Property Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organization the Town of Cobleskill which was approved. The membership voted to allow the Schoharie County Veterans the use of the clubhouse for Arts & Crafts on Tuesdays and their meetings. SCCA has also approved the Long Path North Hiking Club can utilize the club house for their monthly meeting also. This exemption makes SCCA exempt from paying School Taxes and land taxes on the new Club house/land donated by Fields Of Grace. Carl Stefanik donated a push lawn mower to SCCA to help keep the property mowed.

SCCA did sponsor a Youth Fish Derby on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Cobleskill Holding Pond from 9 AM to 1 PM. Thirty-one youths showed up and caught lots of fish. Some bass, perch, blue gills, sun fish, one trout and one 17" bullhead. Lots of prizes. Local 157 Labor's Union from Schenectady donated \$300 toward prizes along with many other local businesses. Carl Stefanik donated several fishing poles & reels to be given out to youths during the fish derby. Off the Beaten Path donated the bait. Thank you, Jeff, for your many years of support. Stewarts in Cobleskill donated the ice cream for the event. McDonalds donated coupons for sodas, Hamburg and fries.

SCCA members did have a Kayak raffle again at the Cobleskill Fair this summer. This is the only benefit we have to raise funds to support our scholarship program, Youth summer camp sponsors, Dorwin Hamm Scholarships, Youth Life time license drawings and donations we make to the various organizations in our Associations. There are six different clubs at SUNY Cobleskill who are affiliated with SCCA. Our kayak raffle did have six different prizes including two each Kayaks or \$500 cash as 1<sup>st</sup> prize, a 50 caliber Black Powder Rifle donated by Schoharie County Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited – 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, a Wildlife Framed Print which SCCA purchased at the silent auction of the Ducks Unlimited event last fall – 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, one \$100 gift card donated by our local Assemblyman, Chris Tague – 4<sup>th</sup> prize and two \$50 gift cards from NBT (Cobleskill) and the Bank of Richmondville (Schoharie) – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> prizes. The Sponsor of our raffle ticket printing has been Shaul's Roofing (Fultonham) for the last ten years at least. Each ticket is \$5 or 5 each for \$20. Each year our tickets sales have been great, all we have to do is ask our local fair attendees and they support our programs. The winners of this year's prizes were 1<sup>st</sup> prize Bryanna Brewer from Bainbridge, NY (she chose the \$500); 2<sup>nd</sup> prize went to Kevin Berner from Richmondville (50 caliber Black Powder Rifle); 3<sup>rd</sup> prize went to David Wood from Middleburgh (Ducks Unlimited Print); 4<sup>th</sup> prize went to Andy Jacek from Middleburgh (\$100); 5<sup>th</sup> prize went to Zelia Attaway from Sharon Springs (\$50); and 6<sup>th</sup> prize went to Bob Vedder from Schoharie (\$50). SCCA would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out with selling raffle tickets and manning the booth along with teaching gun safety to our youth using our BB gun booth. It takes close to 50 volunteers over the 6-day event. We would also like to thank our two Schoharie County NYS DEC ENCON officers, Melissa Burgess & Justanna Bohling for spending two days each at our fair booth. Their support along with answering the many questions from the public about the paper hunting licenses this year help bring in ticket buyers. Also, we would like to thank all our ticket buyers and our local donors who donated prizes and last but not forgotten is our ticket sponsor, Shauls Roofing from Middleburgh who has supported SCCA for many, many years. Thank you, Dick Shaul.

**NYS DEC did the pheasant stocking for Schoharie County** on September 27<sup>th</sup>. They released 52 birds at three different sites, 28 cocks and 24 hens. The three sites were Lape Road, Beards Hollow and Conesville. The total released were 156 birds. Gerald Seyboth and Jacob Work were representing SCCA and Bob Benson was the NYS DEC representative. There is supposed to be three different stockings in the next two months.

**The Schoharie County Trappers** are having a training class for fleshing beavers, muskrats, and other furbearing animals October 20<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup> from 2PM to 4PM. It will be held at the Schoharie County Conservation building 3673 St. Rte. 145 Cobleskill, New York 12043. POC will be Jeff Hatlee, from Off the Beaten Path. 518-257-2792. There are close to 100 college students signed up for this training already.

The Schoharie County Trappers Association has rejoined SCCA after about 4 years. Welcome back Trappers. Now if we could get the Conesville Rod & Gun Club to be active again along with the Schoharie County Pistol League to rejoin we would be happy. SCCA did repair the siding and paint the exterior of the Club house this past month at a cost of \$800 for material.

Jeff Righmeyer from Richmondville volunteered to do the spray painting of the club house < No labor charge, Thank you Jeff. He also painted the four picnic tables too.

The Scouts from Cobleskill (boys & girls) have asked permission to use the SCCA building twice a month for the club meetings twice a month. SCCA members will vote on this at our next meeting.

**Venison Donation Program:** This past February 553 pounds of venison was delivered to eight different locations throughout the county. Schoharie County Whitetails Unlimited will donate another 50 Caliber CVA Black Powder Rifle to encourage Deer Hunters to donate a whole deer to the program this fall. This venison is ground into packages of 1 to 2 lbs. We will hold a drawing from all the names who donated a whole deer at the January 2025 SCCA meeting. Joseph Rack from Schoharie was the lucky winner last year. It cost SCCA \$1006.00 for the meat processing this past year. SCCA has chosen to do pay the price so we can decide where the venison is given out and to whom receives it (food pantries). Marlow Meat processing

in Howes Cave and Blues Meat Processing in Berne are again receiving deer this fall for the Schoharie County Venison Program. **Good luck hunting and be safe out there.**

**Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License:** SCCA has once again voted to sponsor a Lifetime Hunting/Fishing license for the sixth year. This drawing is open to all members' children and grandchildren, great grandchildren below the age of seventeen as of December 31, 2024. It can be an Association Club member or an Individual Club member's relative. We had 46 applications to draw from last year. **The passed November 2023 winner was Talon Hotaling who is the grandson of Associates Member Mark Hotaling from Schoharie. He received a Lifetime license for Hunting and Fishing along with Spring & Fall Turkey permits.** This was the fifth youth that SCCA has sponsor a lifetime hunting & fishing license. The drawing was held at the SCCA meeting, November 16, 2023. The winner of the drawing for this year will be held in November at the SCCA meeting.

**Region 4 - New York Fish & Wildlife Management Board:** Minutes from June 26<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Larry Didonato called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry DiDonato: Board Chairman went around the room and introduced themselves. NY Conservation Council President Bill Connors passed away suddenly; our condolences go out to the Connors family. Each county should submit 1 project proposal for the Habitat and Access grant, provide description. Deadline is December 8th but get it in by the beginning of November. Send wildlife related projects to Mike Clark, fisheries related projects to Chris VanMaaren. Dave Maclean- Would like to thank Steve Nissen for his help. Most people were receptive to door knocking on Schenevus and Eelk Creeks. City people not as receptive as the locals to allowing anglers on their property. Bob Davis- Don McCabe has been knocking on doors and believes to have access for most of the Walloomsac. Poestenkill has some obstacles but DEC support and enforcement at Wagner pool has been helping ease local tension.

Chris VanMaaren – Regional Fisheries Manager: Delaware County Stream access verification - Josh has gotten permissions from 87 landowners. Thank you to Rick Brockway and Don McCabe for their help with getting stream access permissions. New Docks for Germantown and Henry Hudson Park are going to be pushed off to Spring 2025. Finalizing with canals Lock E10 to improve the boat launch. Hale Eddy Fishing Access Site will be paved. Trout in the classroom at Hannacrois Creek with Bethlehem School District. Rare fish survey at Cherry Valley Creek- found Alleghany pearl dace. Annual West Branch Delaware River sampling. Adult and young of year surveys. Pepacton Reservoir Survey, 11 sites. Caught more Brown Trout and Channel Catfish than previous surveys. Northern Snakehead investigation. No Snakehead caught this year. Big Panfish Initiative on Goodyear and Canadarago Lakes. Trap netting to monitor Sunfish size structure. Canadarago has a sunfish population that is dominated by pumpkinseed which is the smaller of the sunfish species, we are not seeing a large improvement in size structure. Mohawk creel survey under way, have had 479 interviews to date. Expected Walleye to be the main target fishery in the Mohawk but there are a lot of anglers targeting Northern Pike. Tagging 100 Blueback Herring with sonic tags to track the passage of herring through the mohawk locks. Fishing clinic with Albany County at Six-mile waterworks was conducted. Grafton Lakes surveys are starting soon.

Mike Clark- Regional Wildlife Manager: Upland Game Bird: Pheasant Stocking allocations are still being worked on for the region. We lost a private site in Montgomery County but have a lead on gaining a new one down the road. Please let DEC know if you have any potential stocking locations. Still bird allocations are up about 30% from previous years. Sponsored Pheasant Hunt Program (youth, women, first-time hunters, veterans, people with disabilities and other underrepresented groups) applications are due September 1<sup>st</sup>. See DEC website for applications and more info. Grouse Automated Recording Units we placed out for the months of April and May and been collected. Mosquito sampling (testing for West Nile Virus) will occur again in the middle of August. Migratory Game Bird: Goose banding is happening this week in the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys. Hopefully to band around 250-300 birds. Pre-season duck banding will occur starting in August. Nest checks and brood surveys have been conducted on 4 nesting mallards in the region. 2 successful nests, and 2 nests experienced predation.

Furbearer: The final year of the summer bobcat study has started. Cameras were set out in the same study area as last year (Montgomery Co). These cameras were set the last week of May. Checks will be every 3 weeks (1 check completed so far). Cameras will be pulled the first part of September. Beaver permits are fully online now. Seems to be going well and there has been a good response from the public. There will be a cable restraint certification class at this year's Trappers Convention in Herkimer on August 30 from 10-12. Please reach out to Joe Nelson if you want to attend. Land Management/YFI: Timber sale at Loise E. Keir WMA: expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>. The logger is working to clean up the landing and upgrade the access road, timber sale will not be complete, few acres remain standing. Timber sale at Partridge Run WMA: logger is working on skidding out and hauling away. Site is finally drying up. Sale is between 1/3 and 1/2 complete, extending until next year (August 2025).

Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) project at Partridge Run WMA: Planting project mostly complete. Planted 600-700 seedlings (mostly fruiting trees/shrubs) in area of previously harvested low-quality pine. RGS paid for a contractor to prep the site, plant, and perform some maintenance of plantings. Seedlings provided by the Saratoga Tree Nursery.

Field improvement projects: Approx. 3 acres (each) of field improvement complete at Margaret Burke WMA and Partridge Run WMA, 4 acres at Coeymans Creek WMA – (tilling/planting) The barn removal project on Peasley Rd (Partridge Run WMA) is done, final grading/clean up remains to complete project.

Wildlife Diversity: Since March, Diversity staff have concluded New England Cottontail sites and collected samples from 3 sites and sent in 430 fecal samples for genetic analysis. Staff have worked on revisiting known occupied grassland bird sites to update status as well as identify new sites being used by listed species and will continue those breeding surveys into July. The mammal distribution study efforts have mostly concluded for our staff. We were able to set out 2 acoustic detectors this spring, one in Rensselaer County and one in Montgomery County, for the purpose of detecting flying squirrels. Analysis of the data for this study are still underway. This year, we are assisting with nightjar surveys and are currently conducting 6 routes within our region to contribute to the nightjar network as part of a collaborative effort with the USFWS. Eagles continue to do well in the region as well as the rest of the state. Peregrine falcons are also doing well, in both urban (bridges) and natural (cliff) nesting sites. Timber rattlesnake surveys will be ramping up in the upcoming months.

Big Game: Backtags are no longer required anywhere in the state – in effect for this fall. Paper tags will also be here this fall, recommending that folks use a zip lock bag to use when attaching tag to carcass. Deer Management Permits – allocations are similar to previous years, not much has changed except some minor tweaking. Bears are starting to be a problem this year with house/garage/vehicle break ins. North/South Lake Campground continues to have issue with people not securing coolers, food, etc.

Hunter Education: NASP – we now have a new train the trainer in house, FW Tech/HEP Assistant Spring DeFranco is certified and is willing to help train physical education teachers. Please reach out for more info at 518-357-2355. In person classes are gearing up, with more students in attendance.

Sean Reynolds- Natural Resources Supervisor: Regional Director Anthony Luisi left DEC on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Acting Regional Director is John Wideman and Assistant regional director Kevin Frazier. No updates regarding DEC Commissioner currently. Staffing Update: Real Property hired a full survey crew. Boundary maintenance and administrative can come into more of a focus. Able to run a survey and an acquisition wing. 2022 bond act set aside enhancement of open space acquisition and enhancement. How the money is distributed, who can apply. Comment period extends to July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

NYCDEP- Jeff Graff: Shutdown of Rondout aqueduct is scheduled for October 1st for repairs. Transferring water from east of Hudson. 30% drawdowns in reservoirs. Working with land acquisition program. Open for public access. Riparian buffer license- 10-year licenses. DMAP- 441 tags issued with a 14% success rate. Recreational boating season opened on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Rent/steam clean boats for access. New trail projects: Windham path extension, Fire tower on Brownlee Mt.

**Next FWMB meeting will be October 23, 2024 @ Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club @ 5:30.**

**SCOPE:** This is a reminder that we will be having our monthly meeting this Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> day, 2024 at the Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club. The meeting will begin at 7pm. There is a lot to discuss, including the Special Meeting scheduled for 22 October 2024 at the Middleburgh Rod and Gun Club. This meeting will feature guest speakers NY State Representative Chris Tague AND NY State Senator Peter Oberacker. Members are encouraged to attend monthly meetings when possible, however, it would be great if any or all members who are receiving this email, would attend Tuesday's meeting as there is a lot to discuss, including coming up with questions that you would like to have answered by these respective gentlemen. There will be more information to follow about this special meeting in the coming days. It is with regret that I must inform all members who were not in attendance at last month's meeting, that Geruld Olsen has resigned from the position of Treasurer. Cindy Bisnett is now taking over the position as Treasurer. Cindy was voted in last month as the new Treasurer, with the Secretary casting one vote. Cindy will now have the awesome responsibility of collecting dues and all other monies that our local chapter takes in. Thank you to Jerry for his years serving as Treasurer and thank you to Cindy for taking on this responsibility! There are 20 Chapters in New York State. Schoharie SCOPE members voted to donate \$340 to State Chapter to help cover advertisement cost in the New York Outdoors Sports to promote VOTE/VOTE/VOTE. We need to stay dedicated to preserving the 2nd Amendment rights for you and all of us. All gun owners need to vote in our elections. "S.C.O.P.E. Shooters Committee on Political Education" admin@scopeny2a.org. **We need to get the Gun Owners to vote!**

Red Flag Laws also identified as the Extreme Risk Protection Order law, state in part, are to prevent individuals who show signs of being a threat to themselves or others from purchasing or processing any kind of firearm.

The Red Flag Laws provides procedural safeguards to ensure that no firearm is removed without due process while helping to prevent tragedies, like the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, and the racist mass shooting in Buffalo.

This law builds on New York's strongest in the nation gun laws and makes New York the first in the United States to empower its teachers, school administrators, and mental health professionals to help prevent shooting by pursuing court interventions.

**These Red Flag Laws were presented as one way to end "Gun Violence". So much for more gun laws!!!!**

**Cave Country Riders Inc.:** Meetings are held at Terri Bradt home, 341 Hill Rd. Cobleskill, NY 12043 and the 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 pm. Meetings held from Oct.–Mar. POC: Terri Bradt 518-234-7331.

**SUNY Cobleskill College:** The student chapter of Ducks Unlimited will be holding their 10th Annual Outdoorsman Night Out on November 7th, 2024 @ Bouk Hall at SUNY Cobleskill 106 Suffolk Circle, Cobleskill, NY 12043 Doors open at 6pm. POC this year is Maddox Stirk – 585-590-7645. Cost is \$20 for student, \$55 for non-student, \$285 Bronze Sponsor, \$450 for Captain Table, or \$1500 for VIP Table. Join the next generation of wetland conservationists Raffles, generation of wetland conservationists Raffles, games, silent auction, and much more. The SCCA membership voted at the September meeting to sponsor a \$450 table for eight SCCA members to support the College chapter of Ducks Unlimited. SCCA is still offering the \$400.00 Dorwin Hamm Scholarship to student in the Fisheries and Wildlife programs. POC is Roger Masse 518-255-5292 or Marc Cornwell 518-337-7044.

**Clearwater Chapter of Trout Unlimited:** The SUNY college club is meeting on the second Monday of each month in the new building, Center for Agricultural Resource, room 002. The Official Publication of the Clearwater Chapter of Trout Unlimited - America's Leading Coldwater Fisheries Conservation Organization Promoting Habitat for Wild Trout and Salmon. Clearwater Chapter of TU PO Box 9686 Schenectady, NY 12309. Clearwater Chapter of Trout Unlimited mission is to conserve, protect and restore the Capital Region's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. Clearwater Chapter meetings held 3rd Monday of Clearwater TU is thrilled to welcome back Brian Sheppard as our guest speaker this month's meeting 10/21/24! Brian will share helpful tips for using aerial photography to plan fishing trips. Brian Sheppard is a Fly Fishers International Bronze Fly Tyer, as well as a pro tyer for Willowemoc Creek, and Squimpish Flies. A lifelong avid outdoorsman, Brian is a native of Florida and Indiana. He learned to fly fish at age 13 while summering in bucolic Blairstown, NJ. Taught by family friend and respected angler/author, Bob Romano, he was instantly hooked. The next natural step was tying his own flies, and then it became a passion once Brian linked up with a tying group of fishing buddies when he moved to New York City. the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post #1520. 4 Everett Rd. Albany, N.Y. 12205 POC: Roy Lamberton 518-421-2500.

**Long Path North Hiking Club:** Next meeting will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM in the SCCA club house 3673 St. Rte. 145 Cobleskill, New York. The new Treasurer is Jean Mammato from Cobleskill, NY. Her e-mail address is [Jean.lpnhc@gmail.com](mailto:Jean.lpnhc@gmail.com) There are now 165 members with (3 new life members) 49 Life Members. List of Hikes coming up: Oct. 19 – Blenheim Hill in southern Schoharie County from Starheim Rd. 3-4 miles, leader will be Russell; Nov. 1 – Fall Highway clean-up on Rte. 30 by Vroman's Nose, call Mark if you can help; Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – Bender Melon Farm Natura Preserve, to see the new bridge and trail, ?? miles, call leader Marilyn; Dec 21<sup>st</sup> - first Day of Winter hike to Halcott Mt., HP in Catskills, 3 steep miles, Russell will be leader; Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – First Day Hike on Wednesday, Snowshoe or winter hike at Mine Kill State Park, 3 miles, call Mark; Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Hike & Brew, Hike Sanders Town Park in W. Glenville, then brew & food at Wolf Hollow Brewing, call Don; Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – LP Section 33, High Point Rd. to Beaver Rd. or Tubbs Pond, 3-4 miles depending on snow, leader, Mark. Hiking leaders are as followed: Carol & Mark Traver 518-944-7734, Clarence Putman 607-538-9569, Marilyn Miles 518-768-2870, Betsey Bouchard 518-410-3863, Steve Babbitt 518-295-8535, Harold Guest Jr. 518-827-5995, and Don Allard 518-577-7741. Membership info, contact Mark Traver at 518-944-7734, LPNHC P.O. Box 855 Schoharie, NY 12157.

**NWTF Schoharie County Ridge Runners:** NWTF had a fund raiser at the Cobleskill Golf Club on August 17th. POC - Dave Hendrick 518-657-1787 E-mail - [hendrickrd@gmail.com](mailto:hendrickrd@gmail.com). To support the NWTF, SCCA members voted to sponsor 4 SCCA members at a cost of \$400.00.

**Richmondville Fish & Game Club:** Monthly meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at the club property located on 811 High View Rd. The Club is starting a youth trap shooting night at the club range. The youth's teams are shooting every Tuesday night at 5PM. We have to do some modifying to our existing range to meet the requirements of the league. 12- to 18-year-old. Richmondville Fish & Game has purchased a new trap machine with raffle proceeds which will be used for the club and Youth Trap shooting league. Contact Greg Warner, club President @ 518-265-8647. New targets to shoot at! Will be sponsoring a Youth School Trap in the fall. The Schoharie County Veterans Association held a trap event for disable Vets at Richmondville F&G.

**Summit Conservation Club:** Next meeting will be October 21 @ 6PM - Club meetings held on the second Monday @ 6 PM of each month. POC is Stacey Betts - Phone 518-287-1710, 109 Club Dive Summit, N.Y. 12175.

**Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club:** Last meeting had close to 50 in attendance. Three new applications were read, none voted on. Check out the club's website. **Middleburgh r&g club.com.** Indoor pistol leagues are running and new signs are up. The club did hold a special, members only party on September 21 with about 65 members showing up. The club did sponsor one youth to NYS DEC camp for \$350 (Lauren Work). Had close to 40 shooters participate in a 22 shoot in September with Fields Of Grace. High School Trap meeting in September and second Wednesday shooting starting in this fall, practice with regular shoots after that on Friday nights. Check website for dates. Good chance for new members to finish work hour requirement. The club bylaws changes were read at the May meeting and the second & third readings will be done later. College students are shooting archery again on Friday nights. Women Pistol league is looking closer (45 interested) to happening. Had 20 shooters on Sunday for Pistol Outdoor shoot.

**West Fulton Rod & Gun Club:** At the September meeting there were 10 members present, the October meeting had only 4 members. The by/laws changes are still being reviewed. The members voted in August to have another raffle this summer/fall. 1000 tickets printed, 1<sup>st</sup> prize a 44 magnum Big Boy Henry rifle, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – 22caliper Henry Golden Boy rifle, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$250 Cash. Tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Shauls Roofing will sponsor the printing cost of the tickets. Drawing at the annual diner in December. Call Ryan Hamm for tickets. Next meeting, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The fall picnic was held at Panther Creek Farm on Sept. 21 with only 9 members, Too many other things happening on the same day. The club's address is PO Box 99, Fultonham, NY 12071. The club will be scheduling volunteers for flagging RT 30 for the Tim Murphy 10K run in October. E-mail address is [westfultonrodandgunclub@gmail.com](mailto:westfultonrodandgunclub@gmail.com).

**Schoharie County Veterans Service** – Peer to Peer Advocate, Kristain Hofeller, POC 518-929-2832. They will sponsor a Veterans Shoot at Richmondville Fish & Game Club on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Call Kristain for more information - 528-929-2832.

SCCA website address is <http://www.schoharie-conservation.org/> Anyone with information for the SCCA newsletter can send it to my e-mail address. [mzeh4@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mzeh4@nycap.rr.com). The next SCCA (Schoharie Co. Cons. Assoc.) meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM @ the Curtis Mott bldg. room 106, SUNY Cobleskill College.

**Application for Lifetime Hunting & Fishing License Drawing:** Schoharie Co. Conservation Association - P.O. Box 325 Central Bridge, New York 12035. We strive to preserve and protect our natural resources and promote hiking, fishing, snowmobiling, trapping, hunting, both small game & big game with in Schoharie County. Drawing date 11/21/2024. President Greg Warner\* Vice President Doug Handy\* Treasurer/Secretary Mike Zeh\* call for an application 518-265-4961 or e-mail [mzeh4@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mzeh4@nycap.rr.com) N.Y.S. Dept. of Cons. – 2024 Youth Lifetime Sporting License Awards. Our not-for-profit organization is continuing a program to promote hunting and fishing in hopes of inspiring our youth to hunt and fish within New York State. Drawing will be held at the November SCCA meeting. Rules and Requirements: Applicant (child) must be under the age of 17 as of December 31, 2024 of this calendar year and be a full-time resident of New York State. Also, applicant must be a child, grandchild, or great grandchild of a member, in good standing, from a Schoharie County Conservation Association (SCCA) or a member of one of its affiliated clubs and be in good standing with that club. Incomplete, ineligible or duplicate applications will not be considered. Applications must be mailed to SCCA P.O. Box 325 Central Bridge, N.Y. 12035, Attention Lifetime Sporting License. Parents of the winner will be required to bring child's Social Security card and another form of ID which includes their place of residence. Also, the club you're a member of. Lifetime Sporting License will be purchased by the SCCA and will be paid directly to the Licensing Agent on behalf of the youth. No cash value or substitutions. Winner will be drawn using a random lottery system based on the number of entries. Winner will be notified by the information supplied on the application.

**\*\*Print\*\* Application for Drawing a NYS DEC Lifetime Sporting License**

Full Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Full Name of Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ NY Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent or Grand Parent completing Application \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Member's Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_