



### **SCCA Newsletter – Meeting at the SCCA Club House on RT 145 near Cobleskill on August 28, 2025.**

Greg Warner, President of Schoharie County Conservation Association called the meetings to order with the pledge of allegiance with 16 members in attendance. Clubs represented were NWTF, Middleburgh 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 SCCA Associates along with two students from SUNY Cobleskill. The SCCA minutes were approved by a motion from Dave Wood, second by Eric Haslun. The treasurer report was approved by a motion from Gabe Warner, second by Debroah Work. The membership voted and approved both motions. The next SCCA meeting will be held at the Cobleskill College in the Curtis Mott building, Rm 106 @ 7PM - Cobleskill, N.Y. 12043 on September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM.

SCCA has submitted its 2026 budget request to the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors. We looked into registering the trailer that Fields of Grace donated to us and found out that the cost would be too high. There are enough members with pick-up trucks which can be used for the purposes needed by the Association. We will either give it back to Fields Of Grace or donated it to another non-profit organization. The membership also approved to purchase a new computer for the Treasurer & Secretary to use. The old computer's Microsoft program is not supported after September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. They approved \$1200.00 for the computer and software needed. SCCA does plan on setting up an information booth at the Wildlife Festival held at the NYS Power Authority in Blenheim on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM. Debroah Work read the nine resolutions being voted on at the NYS Conservation Council event on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>, of which she attended as our representative. SCCA pays \$250 to be a voting member of the Council representing all the Sports men & women of Schoharie County. Eight of the nine resolutions passed with one failing. The Convention was held in Great Camp Sagamore, by Raquette Lake, New York. There were close to fifty in attendance. There were five awards given out on Saturday: President's Award – Rockdale Rod & Gun Club; Lifetime Achievement Award – Zenon Olow; Professional Conservationist Award – NYS DEC Bureau of Fisheries; Conservation Educator of the Year Award – Linda Brosch; and Busy Beaver Award - Diane Steel, NYSCC Treasurer.

The membership reviewed the products which Steve Zahurak & Mike Mueller demonstrated at the SCCA meeting. There was a Magna Lens Protective Magnetic Eyewear, connected to some earmuff seal against the head saving 17 decibels of sound protection. Also had a Trail Camera which was reviewed.

The membership also donated another \$600 to help with travel expenses for a trip to Alberta, Canada on October 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>. To meet & greet other students while completing in a quiz bowl contest against other colleges. These trips give the students information for helping them decide where jobs can be found. Introductions to companies looking for skilled employees in various fields. Fields of Grace has donated \$500 to held SCCA sponsor the Dorwin Hamm Scholarships. Thank you, Pete and Karen DeBartolo.

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**Venison Donation Program:** Last year 1020 pounds of venison was donated. This venison was delivered to eight different food pantries locations throughout the county. Schoharie County Whitetails Unlimited did donate another 50 Caliber CVA Black Powder Rifle to encourage Deer Hunters to donate a whole deer to the program. This venison is ground into packages of 1 to 2 lbs. We did have a drawing from all the names who donated a whole deer at the January 2025 SCCA meeting. Joe Mallozzi was the lucky winner. It cost SCCA \$2,270 for the meat processing. 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 do the meat processing. Eric Haslun is POC – 518-231-1744. Amber Blu said she would cut our price to \$2.50 per pound. So SCCA did pay Amber \$2,270. She processed 908 pounds. We had 5 deer donated from DEC and 2 deer from USDA Saratoga airport. The two from the airport were funded by another source. SCCA will hold another drawing from the list of names who donate a whole deer to the program. This will be done at the close of the deer hunting season at our January SCCA meeting.

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**Region 4 State Board Meeting (Fish & Wildlife Management Board) The next meeting will held at the SCCA Club House at 3673 St. Rte. 145 Cobleskill, N.Y. on December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30 PM. Pizza will be provided.** The two Habitat/Access projects that were submitted last December for Schoharie County have finally been approved by NYS DEC. They had to wait for the NYS Budget to be approved before funding could be released. The project involved an access bridge across Panther creek on the Long Path North Hiking Trail for \$2000.00 and a raised trail through a wet area around Looking Glass Pond located on the Long Path Trail on Roseman Hill. The second project got rejected by DEC even though the funding was approved.

Sean Reynolds reported that a critical fill process in progress to fill the new Region Director position – Sean Mahal.

Mike Clark – Region 4 Wildlife Manager, reported on several new land purchases are in the works. He reported that the timber cut/sale on Partridge Run WMA is almost complete. WMU on Crumb Horn Mtn is still on hold. The parcel in Delaware is still 2-3 years out. DEC is revisiting the purchase near Franklin Vly. DEC is increasing the parking area and creating a larger water flow going North. NWTf has some grants available for landowners to apply for creating habitat.

Chris VanMaaren – Region 4 Fish Manager, reported that DEC is creating habitat in Green County for Westkill & Schenevus Creeks along with Elk creek working with Trout Unlimited doing some rock clusters and stream bed improvements. Start & Stop signs be put so the public can see with PFRs are located on Westkill creek in Schoharie County. Purchasing 13.2 acres on Delaware River (below Reservoir, above village of Deposit. Boat Launch near Germantown going in soon. Henry Hudson site will get new docks next spring. New Boat Launch at Minekill State Park is on schedule.

Josh Choquette – Region 4 Access Coordinator, reported that he has gained permission for public use for fishing along the Batavian Kill near Windam. On Schoharie Creek in Green County DEC will be posting signage for PFR from Greenville to Red kill Bridge increasing access from 173 landowners and 243 parcels. Working on a 5 year plan. Objective is to increase stocking as well as access.

Next FWMB Meeting will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the SCCA Club House @ 3673 St. Rte. 145 Cobleskill, NY 12043.

**SCOPE:** The next SCOPE meeting will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7PM, at the Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club. Next meeting, bring a friend or neighbor to join. "S.C.O.P.E. Shooters Committee on Political Education" admin@scopeny2a.org. Schoharie-Otsego SCOPE did have an information booth set up at the Cobleskill Fair. We did sell raffle tickets for a fund raiser. Tickets were \$5 each or 5 each for \$20. Prizes were a Gun Safe and a lockable gun case for travel and a third prize of \$100. Drawing was held on the last day of the fair. 300 tickets were printed and sold. The winners of the raffle were 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Bonnie Bradbury (Gun Safe), 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Mike Gauthier (Gun Carrying Case), and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Travis Cornell was \$100 Cash. We would like to thank all our ticket buyers for their support. SCOPE – SHOOTERS COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION – Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month @ 7PM.

Some law-abiding gun owners believe that our Second Amendment Rights and Freedoms are “safe” because we have President Trump in the White House and we have a majority in both houses of Congress. While we have a slim advantage, we need now, more than ever, to stand firm and make our voices heard loud and clear in Washington. Time is short and mid-term elections could be game changers.

**Top Ten most egregious Firearms Legislation being considered in the New York State Legislature**

Senate & Assembly Bill Numbers A00929 – A02228 – A02774 – A04085 – A00346 – S0513 – A03376 – A01210 – A03021 – S01358

SCOPE Position is to Oppose each and everyone of these Legislation Bills.

**Cave Country Riders Inc.:** Meetings are held at Terri Bradt home, 5227 ST. Rte. 145 Cobleskill, NY 12043 on the 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 pm. Meetings held from Oct.–Mar. POC: Terri Bradt 518-234-7331. The snowmobile clubs have created a parking area for trailers & vehicles for use during the winter snowmobile season at the SCCA Club House.

**Middleburgh Ridge Runner Snowmobile Club** donated \$1000 toward the cost of construction of a Privy being built on Cotton Hill located near the Long Path North Hiking Trail. They also help pay for the driveway expansion which will be used as a parking area for trailers & vehicles this winter along the side of the driveway leading to the SCCA club house. The snowmobile trail cuts across the property of the SCCA club house driveway.

**SUNY Cobleskill College:** SCCA is still offering the \$400.00 Dorwin Hamm Scholarship to students in the Fisheries and Wildlife programs. POC is Roger Masse 518-255-5292, Charles Cotton 518-255-5877 or Marc Cornwell 518-337-7044. **SCCA has received 6 Dorwin Hamm Scholarship applications this past semester.** These have been reviewed by the membership and were all approved. Thank you, Charles Cotton (CHIP), one of the college professors who got the students to apply. The six applications are on all invasive species. Green Sun Fish, Black Crappie Fish, Water Chestnut Plants, Round Goby fish, Mussel Clams, and Rusty Cray Fish. Once the students have given their power point presentation to the SCCA membership the student receive a check for \$400. SCCA did award \$500 to the students going to Nashville in July for travel expenses. SCCA did an Eagle Sponsor (\$300) for the college students supporting the Wildlife Festival. SUNY Cobleskill Chapter Ducks Unlimited will host their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoorsman's Night Out on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ Bouck Hall at Suny Cobleskill 106 Suffolk Circle Cobleskill, New York 12043. \$25 for student, \$55 for non-student, \$285 Bronze Sponsor, \$440 for Captain Table, \$1500 for VIP Table. Any questions call Stephanie Bernard 315-750-5622 There will be raffles, games, silent Auction.

**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. American Legion Zaloga Post, 4 Everett Rd, Albany, NY 12205 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 September 13th. This will be our Annual Meeting, @ 10 AM in the SCCA club house 3673 State Rte. 145 Cobleskill, New York. Our new Treasurer is Jean Mammato from Cobleskill, NY. Her e-mail address is [Jean.lpnhc@gmail.com](mailto:Jean.lpnhc@gmail.com) She has been doing an excellent job. There are now 163 members with 55 lifetime members. List of Hikes coming up: July 26 Gifford/Plotterkill Trail workday, 2 miles, bring your gloves and clippers, led by our maintainer, Don; Aug 2 Bald Mountain near Stamford, we were rained out last year, 4-5 miles, call Russell to try this again. 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 did have a banquet this past spring @ Chieftain's in Cobleskill POC - Dave Hendrick 518-657-1787 E-mail - [hendrickrd@gmail.com](mailto:hendrickrd@gmail.com). The banquet was a big success with over 175 in attendance. There were several rifles and shotguns along with a few pistols given out as prizes. Between the silent and live auction along with raffles the event raised over \$40,000.00. After expenses the NWTF had almost \$10,000.00. Great Job done by Dave Hendrick. Food was great. Lots of fun by all.

**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 hosts an open trap shoot to the public each Tuesday night at 5PM. The club has been sponsoring a Youth School Trap league, CRCS students in grades 7-12. They shoot twice a week in the spring and fall leagues. Questions call Greg Warner @ 518-265-8647. If anyone needs the Trap shooter's schedule, please call Greg.

**Summit Conservation Club:** Next meeting will be in April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 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. The club donated \$500 to the Richmondville/Cobleskill Trap. The club did have a diner on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to thank the members who volunteers for the

pancake breakfasts and the stuffed pizza during the winter & spring months. The club did have three club members who worked six hours shift for the SCCA Fair Booth.

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**Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club:** Last meeting had over 50 in attendance. More info available on website [Middleburgh r&g club.com](http://Middleburghr&gclub.com). Women Pistol league has 19 women shooting. Wayne Skowfoe was appointed as new Chairman of the Dec. Raffle. Always looking for volunteers. Over half of the tickets are out to sellers. Pistol course offered Nov. 15&16. Cost is \$300. 16 - hour course. The Youth Trap League attended the State Tournament held in Bridgeport, and came in 8<sup>th</sup> place as a team with over 2000 youths shooting. The club didn't receive any scholarship applications this year from the Middleburgh School or the club memberships. Friday Trap shoots are doing excellent, very good turn-out. The club did have several members who helped out at the SCCA Booth at the Cobleskill Fair. The Youth archery program starts up on the first Saturday in January. This is free to all shooters, the club pays for all the equipment, targets, provides instructors and donuts every Saturday morning.

**West Rod & Gun Club:** The membership voted to donate \$1000 to the Youth Trap shooters, shooting at the Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club. Next meeting will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The work party was cancelled for Sept 20<sup>th</sup> on Rossman Hill near Looking Glass Pond. Will need PPE including Hard Hat, Eye protection, Hearing protection, High-visibility vest or coat, boots, & gloves. The club's address is PO Box 99, Fultonham, NY 12071. Club's E-mail address is [westfultonrodandgunclub@gmail.com](mailto:westfultonrodandgunclub@gmail.com). The club had three members who helped out at the SCCA Fair Booth.

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 meeting will be held at the Cobleskill College in the Curtis Mott building, Rm 106 @ 7PM - Cobleskill, N.Y. 12043 on September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM.

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**N.Y.S. Dept. of Conservation – 2025 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, 2025 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 Club Association \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_