



SCCA Newsletter – Meeting at the SUNY Cobleskill College – Rm 106 Curtis Mott Bldg. in Cobleskill, NY 12043 on October 23, 2025.

Greg Warner, President of Schoharie County Conservation Association called the meetings to order with the pledge of allegiance with 20 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 four students from SUNY Cobleskill TWS & Ducks Unlimited. The SCCA minutes were approved by a motion from Doug Handy, second by Gabriel Warner. The treasurer report was approved by a motion from Eric Haslun, second by Dave Wood. 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 November 20th @ 7PM. I forgot to mention the Pheasant Release completed last month just before the Youth hunts on September 25th. NYS DEC released 59 birds, 35 cocks & 29 hens each at Beards Hollow Rd. & Lape Rd and 51 birds at Bear Kill Rd. Jacob Work and Gerard Seyboth helped with the release. There will be two more scheduled release during the month of November & December by NYS DEC.

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 10th, 2025. They approved \$1200.00 for the computer and software needed. SCCA did set up an information booth at the Wildlife Festival held at the NYS Power Authority in Blenheim on Saturday, September 27th from 10 AM to 4 PM with Greg Warner and Mike Zeh answering questions. There were close to 4000 people attending. Debroah Work read the nine resolutions being voted on at the NYS Conservation Council event on September 5th, 6th, & 7th, 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 at the event: 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. Lauryn Work & Jacob Work both attended the Pat Arnold Youth Training Camp on Columbus Day Weekend in Potsdam, N.Y. There was a \$50 fee for each attendee. They both received their Trappers Certification. There were 4 girls and 12 boys trained that weekend. For more information contact Donald Hillman, 247 County Route 27 Williamstown NY 13493. SCCA sponsored Katelyn Collins for a RSO Course (Range Safety Officer). Class will be held on December 7th @ SCCA Building 8 am – 5 pm. \$25 fee for NRA and \$50 fee for training officer. Call Deb Work for more info (518-951-5122). Katelyn is a student at SUNY Cobleskill. Debroah Work is looking for people interested in Volunteering for Hunter Safety Class Instructors. She is handing out applications to see if there is enough interest for holding training at the SCCA building.

The membership also donated another \$600 to help with travel expenses for a trip to Alberta, Canada on October 5th to the 9th, To meet & greet other students. 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 help SCCA sponsor the five each Dorwin Hamm Scholarships approved this summer. There should be several presentations presented at the November meeting. Thank you, Pete and Karen DeBartolo. The Lifetime License drawing will also be done at this meeting. The membership voted to purchase a VIP Table at the Ducks Unlimited Banquet. In attendance at the banquet were Deborah Work, Michael Zeh, John Nesel, Jeffrey Almy, Dave Wood, Douglas Handy, Greg Warner and Kristan Hofeller. The cost of the Table was \$1500 with a

choice of Seven guns or a Crossbow w/scope mounted. We chose the crossbow because we plan on using it for the second Prize in our Kayak Raffle @ the Cobleskill Fair.

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 in 2025. This will be done at the close of the deer hunting season at our January 2026 SCCA meeting.

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 3rd @ 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 Cole Hollow 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 3rd at the SCCA Club House @ 3673 St. Rte. 145 Cobleskill, NY 12043.

NYS DEC: Joshua Johnson and Adebajo Ayotunde are two Dam Safety Inspectors employed by NYSDEC. They came out to Fancher Pond which SCCA owns. SCCA officers met with them on October 29 when they did the inspection. They gave us a heads up on what we needed done at the Pond. We need to remove some brush and a couple of trees growing on the dam. They will follow up with a written report. Paper Licenses and tags – Get your paper tags from a license sales office or print them from the PDF sent to your e-mail. Cut the appropriate tag from the sheet of paper. Upon harvesting, complete the tag with the harvest information and sign it. Place the tag in a waterproof case or bag. Attach weatherproof case or bag to the animal, keeping the tag visible. Remember: Hunters are responsible to protect their paper tags, so they remain intact and legible, and must be attached to the deer or bear until arrival at home or camp, or vehicle.

SCOPE: The next SCOPE meeting will be held on November 18th @ 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. 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.

Cave Country Riders Inc.: Meetings are held at Bob Strong's home, 5227 ST. Rte. 145 Cobleskill, NY 12043 on the 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 pm. Meetings held from Oct.–Mar. POC: 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. Long Path North Hiking Club would like to thank Bill Simons and Dave Toberg for all their help with the building the Privy up in Huntersland along the Long Path North Hiking Trail. They used their Trail side-by-side to move all the material up to the site, helped with the building of the Privy (outhouse) and then they delivered the gravel needed for the ramp for access. Thank you, Bill & Dave for all your help and support.

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 5 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 five applications are on all invasive species. Green Sun Fish, Black Crappie Fish, Round Goby fish, Mussel Clams, and Rusty Cray Fish. The names of the students getting the Scholarships are Will Seamans, John Travis, Lucas Reiter, Charles Farrell and Eoghan Donnelly. Some will be doing their presentations at the November SCCA meeting which will be held at the college. Once the students have given their power point presentations to the SCCA membership the students receive a check for \$400. SCCA did award \$600 to the students going to Edmonton, Canada in October for travel expenses. SCCA did an Eagle Sponsor (\$300) for the college students supporting the Wildlife Festival. SUNY Cobleskill Chapter Ducks Unlimited did host their 11th Annual Outdoorsman's Night Out on November 6th, 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. SCCA membership did vote on purchasing a VIP table for this event at our October SCCA meeting. All ticket holders must be a member in good standing. The college students are selling raffle tickets for a Limited-Edition Wetlands Yeti 65 Cooler for \$10 each.

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. 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. As another season comes to a close, we can't help but look back with pride at what our small but dedicated core of volunteers has accomplished this year: planting trees, securing essential grants, running chapter events, drawing up plans for future in-stream habitat projects, and educating the next generation.

Long Path North Hiking Club: Next meeting will be held on March 11th @ 6 PM in the SCCA club house 3673 State Rte. 145 Cobleskill, New York. There are now 172 members with 55 lifetime members. List of Hikes coming up: Dec 13th – LP Section 32 Dutch Settlement SF, Treadlemire Hill Rd. to Candy Hill Rd., 4.3 miles, contact Don for more info.; Jan. 17th – LP Section 33, Beaver Rd. to Ravine Road, C.R. 6, about 3 miles, leader is Mark; Feb. 7th – Snowshoe the Looking Glass Loop Trail with Jean, about one mile. Hiking leaders are as followed: Carol & Mark Traver 518-944-7734, Clarence Putman 607--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. The Privy on Cotton Hill has been completed for the Dutch Settlement State Forest lean-to.

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. 0. 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. SCCA members voted to donate another \$500 to the Richmondville club to help with the expenses for the trap range. If anyone needs the Trap shooter's schedule, please call Greg. The club is filling for a 501-c-3 status with the Federal Government. They are also applying for an NRA Grant to help with the Youth Trap Shooting team. The shooting range needs some improvements and maybe some improvements to the club house. Any and all donations are appreciated. The club is holding a raffle to support the shooting team. \$20 per ticket, 5 prizes – 1st prize - Ruger American .308 w/scope, 2nd Prize - Mossberg 500 12 ga. Pump, 3rd Prize - \$500 Gift Certificate for Bass Pro Shop, 4th prize - Johnny Moris

Carbon Lite Baitcast and 5th prize – one year membership to Richmondville Fish & Game club. Drawing date Nov 5th at the club house. The drawing was held at the last meeting.

Summit Conservation Club: Next meeting will be on November 10th @ 6 PM - Club meetings held on the second Monday @ 6 PM of each month. Stuffed Pizza on November 15th (Deer season) from 12 noon to 8PM. Starting in January Stuffed Pizza on Saturday Noon to 7PM & Sundays Noon to 4PM. Jan. 17th & 18th, Feb. 21st & Jan. 22nd, Mar. 14th & 15th; April 18th & 19th. Pancake Breakfast Sundays 8Am -11AM: Jan. 4th, Feb.1st, Mar. 1st, No breakfast in April. POC is Stacey Betts - Phone 518-287-1710, 109 Club Dive Summit, N.Y. 12175.

Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club: Last meeting had over 50 in attendance. More info available on website **Middleburgh R&G Club.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 8th place as a team with over 2000 youths shooting. The MCS Knights Trap Club is holding a Gun raffle for supporting the team. Donation of \$20 a ticket. 1st ticket drawn gets choice of three guns: Ruger American 350 Legend, Bergara B14 – 17HR, or Beretta A300 -12 ga. 2nd ticket picks one of the two remaining 3rd ticket drawn gets remaining gun. Drawing October 31st. 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 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. Elections were held at the November meeting.

West Rod & Gun Club: The membership voted to donate \$200 to the Youth Trap shooters, shooting at the Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club for their help with the Tim Murphy Run. Next meeting will be held on December 2nd. The Tim Murphy run was a big success again this year with 190 registered runners/walkers. There will be a member diner at the West Fulton Firehouse on December 6th @ 5PM. \$20 dues are due at the diner. Diners are \$25. The club's address is PO Box 99, Fultonham, NY 12071. Club's E-mail address is westfultonrodandgunclub@gmail.com. The members voted to donate \$2000 to the Schoharie Central School Environmental Stuart ship Club from the Tim Murphy Account.

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. The next SCCA meeting will be held at the Cobleskill College in the Curtis Mott building, Rm 106 @ 7PM - Cobleskill, N.Y. 12043 on November 20th @ 7PM.

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 _____