



SCCA Newsletter – Meeting at the SCCA Club House at 3673 Rte. 145, Cobleskill NY 12043 on May 28th @ 7PM.

Andy Work, President of Schoharie County Conservation Association called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance with 13 members in attendance at 7:00. Clubs represented were NWTf, Middleburgh Ridge Runners Snowmobile Riders, Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club, West Fulton Rod & Gun Club, Cave Country Riders, Summit Sno Riders and Richmondville Fish & Game Club. The SCCA minutes were reviewed and the membership voted to approved with a motion from Dave Wood, second by Greg Warner. The SCCA Treasurer report and a motion was made to accept by Doug Handy, second by Jeff Almy. The membership voted and approved both motions. The next SCCA meeting will be held at the SCCA Club house – 3673 ST. Route 145 Cobleskill, New York 12043 @ 7PM - on June 25. Elections were held at the April meeting. Greg Warner did resign as President, Doug Handy filled in during the intern. Andrew Work was elected President, Gabe Warner elected as Vic President and Michael Zeh was re-elected as Treasurer/Secretary. The membership also approved to purchase a new computer for the Treasurer & Secretary to use at the November SCCA - 2025 meeting. The purchase of a new computer is on hold because of the amount of funds spent on Scholarships, Lifetime Youth license and the venison processing fees. They approved \$1200.00 for the computer and software needed. During the time frame from November 2025-april 2026 SCCA has given out 8 Dorwin Hamm Scholarships (\$3,200.00) plus Life time Hunting/Fishing License and the cost of the Venison Meat processing for the local Food Pantries (\$3,645.35). Andrew Work is looking for people interested in Volunteering for Hunter Safety Class Instructors. He is handing out applications to see if there is enough interest for holding training at the SCCA building. Dave Wood volunteered to repair the screen door at the Club House and manufacture a new SCCA Sign for the fence decoration in front of the club house. We need John Nesel to help with the flower garden located by the front door of the club house. Plant some new flowers and make us proud.

The SCCA membership voted to attend the Wildlife Festival in Cobleskill on April 25th from 10 am to 4 pm. The members voted to do the Bald Eagle Sponsor (\$300) to help support the cost of the festival. Doug Handy, Liz Reinhart, John Nesel, Andrew Work, Greg Warner, Don Reinhart, Gabe Warner were there to answer questions and sell Kayak Raffle tickets. They did extremely well, selling \$870.00 worth of tickets.

The NYPA has reached out to me about attending the wildlife Festival on September 26th from 10AM to 4PM. We have to provide a Waiver of Liability from our Insurance for this event. I have just sent in SCCA's check for \$321.50 to keep SCCA covered at these events including the Cobleskill Fair for 6 days. SCCA Members must vote on this at our next meeting.

SCCA voted to hold the Kayak Raffle during the Cobleskill Fair Week in August (approved). 1st prize will be \$500 or the two Kayaks. 2nd prize will be the crossbow w/scope. 3rd prize will be a Wildlife Print, 4th prize will be a \$100 certificate donated by Assemblyman Chris Tague, 5th prize will be a \$100 certificate donated by The Bank of Richmondville in Cobleskill and the 6th prize will be \$100 certificate donated by NBT Bank in Cobleskill. Drawing will take place on the last day of the fair @ 8PM. If you need tickets to sell contact Mike Zeh 518-265-4961. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Shaul's Roofing from Middleburgh is sponsoring the cost of ticket printing again this year, Thank you Dick Shaul and Mike Shaul. They have been doing this for several years. The membership approved the Youth Lifetime Hunting & Fishing license drawing held in November @ SCCA meeting of 2026. The SCCA did receive a donation of \$400 from the Local 157 Labor's Union in Schenectady to help with the cost of trophies and prizes for the Youth fishing derby held in June. The Youth fishing derby will be held at the Cobleskill Holding Pond, on Dow Street off Mineral Spring Rd near Cobleskill, on June 27th from 8 AM to 12 PM. There will be prizes for all and trophies for the largest fish caught, largest Trout caught, largest sunfish/pumpkin-head caught and largest Bass caught. There will free ice cream donated by Stewarts.

The SCCA members did attend the NWTFF Event on April 18th at Schoharie Quality Inn near Dun-kin Donuts by I-88 Park & Ride. Drawing at March meeting for 8 members to attend. Members attending are Dave wood, Greg Warner, Michael Zeh, Doug Handy, Eric Haslun, John Nesel, Kristain Hofeller, and Dennis Handy. **DEC camp registration day was March 22th. If interested contact Mike Zeh 518-265-4961 If any youths got a registration approved SCCA will refund their cost. Jacob Work won the 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle which was donated by SCCA for the Youth Turkey Hunt near Amsterdam. There were over 60 youths entered with almost 40 birds shot.**

SCCA: All annual dues are due January 1st. A dues registration form will be included in your SCCA newsletter to fill out if you haven't paid your SCCA Dues for 2026. Please send in your dues. I have received association dues from twelve clubs so far this year and about twenty-two Individual Members who have paid. Association dues are \$30 annually. Each club officer and delegate receive a SCCA Newsletter monthly by mail or e-mail. Individual dues are \$10 annually. For 2025 we had 15 Associate clubs pay \$30 dues and 40 Individual members pay \$10 dues. If you forgot to pay the annual dues, please send them in. Normally we have around twenty clubs paying \$30 Annual Dues. Two years ago, we had close to 50 members, last year we only had about 40 paying members. Please send in your dues. SCCA P.O. Box 325 Central Bridge, N.Y. 12035. **IRS Taxes for 2025 have been filed for SCCA.** They are due by May 15th but I did them early.

NYS DEC: Fish stocking for Schoharie County will be done on April 27th. Meet at 10:30 @ Gilboa Post Office. Call Dave Wood for more information – 518-944-8926. The fish stocking was a big success with several volunteers and Terry Mitton who had several kids from Schoharie School who helped carry buckets of fish.

SCCA members have been working on the Fancher Pond problems. Doug Handy, Greg Warner, Jeff Almy, Dennis Handy, Eric Haslun has cleaned up the brush and mowed around the dam and schedule Bruce Clapper to remove the big Willow Tree which is growing on the dam near the edge of water. Bruce did come and cut/remove the tree, taking the branches and all the wood from the site. Thank You Bruce for your help. You save SCCA a big expense. I have contacted Phil Davis to come and brush hog the land around the club House. Thanks to several members the lawn at the club house has been mowed and looks out standing, Thanks to Eric Haslun who did it last. Mark Hotaing, Doug Handy, Dennis Handy and Greg Warner have been taking turns.

NYSCC: SCCA members need to vote whether we send our representative to the fall meeting on August 28th -30th in Hancock, NY. It costs SCCA about \$500 for registration, room and food for the three-day event.

Region 4 State Board Meeting (Fish & Wildlife Management Board) did meet on March 25th at NYS DEC Office in Schenectady. Next meeting will take place on June 24th @ SCCA Club House at 3673 STATE RTE 145 COBLESKILL, NY 12043

SCOPE: The next SCOPE meeting will be held on June 16th @ 7PM, at the Middleburgh R & G Club. Next meeting, bring a friend or neighbor to join. "S.C.O.P.E. Shooters Committee on Political Education" admin@scopeny2a.org. SCOPE – SHOOTERS COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION – Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month @ 7PM. Elections were held at the May Meeting. Chairman Kathy Olsen, Vice Chairman Paul Steves and Jodi Olsen were all re-elected, the Treasurer position is still open. SCOPE will participate at the Sunshine Fair again this year. New York State Senate Bill 362 [A03233/S00362](#) establishes a ten (10) day waiting period from receiving a “proceed” from the New York State National Instant Background Check System (NYS NICS) before a firearm, shotgun or rifle may be delivered to a person. This bill is one of SCOPE's Top Ten Most Egregious Firearms legislation. This bill is pending in the Senate and then on to the Assembly before it can be sent to the Governor. It is part of the 2026 NYS Budget.

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

Middleburgh Ridge Runner Snowmobile Club: Long Path North Hiking Club would like to thank Bill Simons and Dave Toberg for all their help with the building of 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. The club would like to show their appreciation by hosting an invitation to all the land owners who allow the snowmobile trail to extend across their properties giving snowmobilers permission to cross and providing a free buffet at the Galupville Fire Department on Saturday May 30, RSVP by May 20th. Bill Simmons 518-526-0882 or simmins872@aol.com.

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. Jeff Hatley with Off the Beaten Path participated in a Trapping Training Class for 17 students on March 21, 2026. **SCCA has given 7 Dorwin Hamm Scholarship applications this past semester.** SCCA did an Eagle Sponsor (\$300) for the college students supporting the Wildlife Festival for 2026. Joseph Simonds did his presentation at the April SCCA meeting.

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 P.O. 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. As you get out and fish this year, you will be seeing more of these types of signs with a QR code on them at fishing access points. This one is from a Delaware River access point, but they will be posted on many rivers and lakes. The signs for the Adirondack Brook Trout Ponds are colored brown but still have the QR code. Please use the QR code to report the results of your fishing, even when you don't catch anything. Time spent, number, and size of the fish caught are all useful information to the management of our 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. Our annual raffle is coming soon, Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The annual raffle supports our vital cold-water conservation work right here in the Capital Region including planting trees, securing essential grants, running chapter events, drawing up plans for future in-stream habitat projects. Trout Unlimited along with NYS DEC Habitat/Access Funding is doing a stream project on the Schenevus creek.

Long Path North Hiking Club: Next meeting will be held on July 15th @ 6 PM in the SCCA club house 3673 State Rte. 145 Cobleskill, New York. There are now 162 members with 55 lifetime members and 7 new senior lifetime members, List of Hikes coming up: July 18 LP Section 33, Partridge Run Road to Gifford Holl Road, about 4 miles, call Mark; Aug 22 New LP extension, Old Stage Road to Altamont's Orsini Park, 3.5-4 miles, contact Mark. Info for leaders: Mark & Carol Traver 518-944-7734, Betsey Bouchard 518-410-3863, Steve Babbitt 518-231-4126, Russell Hanford 518-728-6775 and Don Allard 518-577-7741. Membership info, contact Mark Traver at 518-944-7734, LPNHC P.O. Box 855 Schoharie, NY 12157. Thanks to Jean, we are a registered 501-c3 non-profit corporation and can now receive tax deductible donations. The total length of the Long Path is 358 ½ miles. 11 members attended the May meeting.

NWTF Schoharie County Ridge Runners: hendrickrd@gmail.com. **NWTF Banquet was held April 18th @ 4pm, the Quality Inn located by Dunkin Donuts on RTE 30 A in Schoharie, NY 12157 POC is Dave Hendrick. 518-657-1787**

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. 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 a few improvements and maybe some improvements to the club house.

Summit Conservation Club: Next meeting will be on June 8th @ 6 PM - 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: **The next meeting is on June 4th @ 7PM.** More info available on website **Middleburgh R&G Club.com**. Youth fishing derby this Saturday (6/20/26) prizes for all registered. Starts at 9AM Women Pistol league is getting bigger all the time. Youth archery program ended in March, the third Saturday with the banquet being held for all shooters, this is free to all shooters, the club pays for all food and desserts, and drinks. Five Saturdays with over 100 shooters. Over 250 in attendance at Archery Banquet, trophies & t-shirts were handed out. The Youth Archery Program had close to twenty \$100 sponsors. Schoharie County Conservation Association, Arron Electric, Duanesburg Outlanders Survival Supply, Galupville Evangelical Lutheran Church, J & L Sweeps, Fields Of Grace Outreach, Clear Choice Tree Service, Phil Skowfoe Water Wells, Otsego/Schoharie S.C.O.P.E, Schoharie County Whitetails Unlimited, R. Skowfoe Rolloffs, Middleburgh Archery Connection Pro Shop, Christian Bow-Hunters of America, West Fulton Rod & Gun Club and Cobleskill Fraternal Order of Eagles. Youth Trap: Youth trap won their conference. Congratulations! The team will be going to States on June 5th. They will be going to nationals on July 8th through the 12th. Carl requested June 20th after the fishing derby to hold a fundraiser shoot and to remain on the Calander until July 8th for their practices for nationals. All dates voted on and approved. Adult Archery: Still working on getting together for the adult class. Lancaster donated a banner and 4 \$25 gift cards towards the building of the outdoor archery range. A work party will eventually be set up to help move the backstops to the new area. Women's Pistol Club: Women's pistol is taking new members. It is open to club members only and must have a valid pistol permit to join. If interested contact Nichole at Haughnicolee@gmail.com The sign-up deadline is the end of June. 22 Invitational

Shoot: First shoot is June 7th 11am-3pm Also discussed a possible poker shoot and how to get that going. The Middleburgh Trap Youth shoots on Sunday & Monday nights. Membership Dues were discussed and a \$10 increase was approved. Single membership will now be \$75.00 for 2027 and Family Membership will be \$105.00.

West Rod & Gun Club: The membership voted to donate \$500 to a Senior from Middleburgh Central School for Environmental Award and \$500 for a Senior from Schoharie Central School for an Environmental Award from the Tim Murphy account. The club sponsored Ethan Heiser \$350 NYS DEC Camp Coby. The members also donated \$500 toward the Panther Creek Project through Fish Wildlife Management Board – Habitat/Access Funding. Congratulations to Elizebeth Echtner and Collin Layton for winning the Timothy 10K Environmental Stewardship Awards as MCS underclassmen this year. Each student received \$250. The Tim Murphy 10 K committee takes pride in supporting the ongoing promotion of local youth’s committee to environmental education and action!

SCCA is looking for the County Board of Supervisors to appoint a representative to the NYS Open Space Committee. This a NYS Board approved by the NYS Legislation. Carl Stefanik was the County representative for years. When he retired and passed away the County Board did appoint Malinda McTaggart to the Open Space Committee Board. I believe she has moved out of the area. SCCA would like to make a motion that a replacement be appointed. Mark Traver, who did attend some of the Open Space Committee meetings with Carl Stefanik would be a good place to start for information. His phone number is 518-944-5212 or you could call me for more information, Michael Zeh 518-265-4961.

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 SCCA Building @ 3673 St. Rte. 145 Cobleskill, N.Y. 12043 on June 25th, @ 7PM.

N.Y.S. Dept. of Conservation – 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, 2026 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 _____