



**SCCA Newsletter – Meeting at the Curtis
Mott Bldg. SUNY Cobleskill College
Room #106, Cobleskill on March 27, 2025.**

Greg Warner, President of Schoharie County Conservation Association called the meetings to order with the pledge of allegiance with 24 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 5 students from SUNY Cobleskill. The SCCA minutes were approved by a motion from Dave Wood, second by Mark Hotaling. The treasurer report was approved by a motion from Liz Reinhart, second by Al Zwick. The membership voted and approved both motions. The next SCCA meeting will be held at the Club house @ 3673 St. Rte. 145 Cobleskill, NY April on April 24th at 7 PM.

There will be a collection of old, ragged American flags at the next meeting to turn into the American Legion who will have a ceremony to destroy the flags on Flag Day, 6/14/25. **The SCCA will be helping NYS DEC to stock Trout on April 28th @ 10:30 AM, meeting at the Gilboa Post Office.** The membership voted to pay the \$250 Dues to the NYS Conservation Council. Motion made by Al Zwick, seconded by Liz Reinhart. Liz & Don volunteered to attend the NYSCC Spring meeting on April 11 – 13 @ Arnot Forest but they learned it was a leadership training meeting so they cancelled. Shaul Roofing has agreed to sponsor the ticket printing cost again this year for our Kayak Raffle at the Cobleskill Fair. They have done this for several years, Thank you Dick & Michael Shaul. SCCA members voted to donate a Shotgun for a prize to the Youth Turkey event held on 197 Trux Road near Amsterdam. This will be the second year SCCA has done this. SCCA will set up a display at the Cobleskill College Wildlife Festival on April 26th from 10 AM to 4 PM. Hopefully we will have some Kayak tickets to sell also. SCCA voted to be a sponsor for the event donating \$300 (Eagle Sponsor) to help we the cost. This is the first year that the students have asked for a donation for the Wildlife Festival. Greg Warner is taking care of the Ramp on the SCCA Booth at the fair-grounds. When we raised up the booth to level it, we had to raise the front of the booth about 4 inches. Hopefully we will get a chance to paint the building also. SCCA will be sponsoring a Youth Fishing derby on June 28th at the Cobleskill Holding Pond. SCCA did receive the budget request from the Schoharie Board of Supervisors this month. This money helps SCCA pay for the postage and printing of the monthly newsletters which serves as a communication tool between the other clubs and individual members who pay dues to the SCCA. Dinner for April 18th NWTF @ Chieftain's – Pick 8 for table by SCCA. Mike Zeh, Greg Warner, Gabe Warner, Doug Handy, Eric Haslun, Mark Hotaling, Harold Guest and Dave Wood were the members who volunteered to attend the banquet for the National Wildlife Turkey Federation.

NYPA: New York Power Authority did hold a Wildlife Task Force meeting on March 11th, 11:30 am @ Visitor Center in Blenheim with 15 in attendance. Tim Rich, the new Manager gave an overview of NYPA and BG Operations. Representatives from DEC, SCCA, LPNHC, NYPA, MINEKILL PARK, to mention a few. Over 3000 attended the car show, 4500 in attendance at the Wildlife Festival in 2024, NYPA issued 44 hunting permits for deer/turkey, 1The NYPA had one spill training event on the reservoir.as for fish stocking the NYPA stocked 500 tiger trout, 1700 brown trout, 800 brook trout, and 1300 Walleyes. These fish were spilt between the two reservoirs. A review of the parking areas on the upper reservoir is being done to increase sizes. Monitoring of stone structures for fish spawning. **Update on boat launch – design will be approved next week with construction to begin in April or May. Four different contractors are bidding on project.**

Update on Minekill Park: 10 – 15 bald eagles active at park, new nest on reservoir, the trees which were treated are doing well, most survived, Ash Bore found in 2019 are being treated by releasing mouths, which pry on ask bore. 40% increase usage on nesting boxes, trail cameras detected bear, whitetails, bobcat, grouse, turkey. Kiddie pool

under construction – should be complete by start of season. Looking at installing dump station for campers @ Max Shaul Park and Free fish clinic on June 29.

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 2025. Please send in your dues. I have received association dues from eleven clubs so far this year and about twenty-six 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 2024 we had 17 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. The Scouts from Fultonham and Cobleskill area (boys & girls) have asked permission to use the SCCA building for the club meetings twice a month. SCCA members approved this at the November meeting. Deborah Work is POC. **IRS Taxes for 2025 have been filed for SCCA.** They are due by May 15th but I did them early.

Venison Donation Program: This year 1020 pounds of venison was donated. This venison is 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 is the lucky winner this year. It cost SCCA \$2,270 for the meat processing this 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 did the meat processing again this year. Eric Haslun is POC – 518-231-1744. Amber Blu said she would cut our price to \$2.50 per pound. So SCCA will give 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. The rifle was transferred to Joe on April 2, 2025 @ Creekside Sporting located in Schoharie. Hedi only charged us the \$10 fee which NYS requires.

Region 4 State Board Meeting (Fish & Wildlife Management Board) scheduled at the SCCA club house, 3673 St. Rte. 145 Cobleskill, NY April 23rd 5:30pm

SCOPE: The next SCOPE meeting, April 15th @7PM, at the Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club. SCOPE is running a special raffle, 100 each \$10 squares, prize is \$500 worth of fuel, (fuel oil, fire wood, propane gas, or electrical) winner's choice. Drawing when all squares are sold or May SCOPE meeting. At the March meeting NYS SCOPE President, John Elwood was in attendance. He reviewed the top10 egregious firearms legislation being considered in the NYS Legislature. Bill # A00929 - sale of firearms outside state in NYS Residents; Bill # A 02228 – requirement of background check for the purchase of 3D printers; Bill # A01774 – requirement of any person possessing a firearm to hold safety firearm safety certificate ; A # 01774 Establishes a class A misdemeanor to procure more than one firearm during a period of 30 days; Bill # A00346 Unlawful for persons under 21 to possess firearms; Bill # S 05813 – Imposes an excise tax of 11% on sale of firearms, major components and ammunition; Bill# A03376 – Requires liability insurance for owners of firearms, rifles, & shotguns; Bill # A01210 Establishes a 10 day waiting period before a firearm can be delivered to a person; Bill # A03021 - Requires the division of criminal justice services to establish and maintain s database and maintain a database relating to the sale of micro stamped guns in NYS; Bill # S01358 – One year after enacted, all pistols or revolvers sold, delivered or transferred at retail must contain a child proofing device to effectively preclude an average 5-year-old from firing. Next meeting bring a friend or neighbor to join. "S.C.O.P.E. Shooters Committee on Political Education" admin@scopeny2a.org.

Cave Country Riders Inc.: Meetings are held at Terri Bradt home, 178 Pine 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. The snowmobile clubs have created a parking area for trailers & vehicles for use during the winter snowmobile season at the SCCA Club House

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 or Marc Cornwell 518-337-7044. SCCA handed out four applications for the scholarship at the Ducks Unlimited Banquet hoping to increase interest. SCCA does plan on setting up a booth at the Wildlife Festival April 26 in the Park. SCCA did award \$500 to the students going to Nashville in Jul for travel expenses. SCCA did an Eagle Sponsor (\$300) for the college students supporting the Wildlife Festival.

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 May 14th @ 6 PM in the SCCA club house 3673 State Rte. 145 Cobleskill, New York. The new Treasurer is Jean Mammato from Cobleskill, NY. Her e-mail address is Jean.lpnhc@gmail.com There are now 170 members with 55 lifetime members. The passing of Cherrie Clapper in December is a big loss. She was a lifetime member with 30 plus years. She was our treasurer for over 30 years. List of Hikes coming up: Apr 27 Sunday, Cole Hill SF loop, about 5 miles, our leader will be Pat at patfrik@gmail.com May 3 Bozenkill Preserve's new trail, about 3 miles, call Marilyn; May 6 Tuesday, Highway Clean-up on Rte. 30 by Vroman's Nose, HELP NEEDED; please contact Mark; May 10 LP Sect. 32, Treadlemire Rd. to downtown Middleburgh, 5.5 miles with great views of Valley, Leader: Steve; June 8 Cole Hollow Bridge Replacement which will take several trips, HELP! (see related story) contact Mark for details; June 14 Newly opened Bromley Mt. Fire Tower near Delhi, 3.5-mile loop, leader: Steve; July 12 Settle Mt. Nature Preserve by Cobleskill, owned by the Schoharie Co. Land Trust, two loops totaling 5 miles, Call Mark.; 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 will have a banquet on April 18th @ Chieftain's in Cobleskill POC - Dave Hendrick 518-657-1787 Doors open at 4PM. E-mail - hendrickrd@gmail.com.

Richmondville Fish & Game Club: Monthly meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at the club property located on 811 High View Rd. The youth's teams are shooting every Tuesday night at 5PM. 12- to 18-year-old. Youth Trap shooting league. Contact Greg Warner, club President @ 518-265-8647. New targets to shoot at! The club has been sponsoring a Youth School Trap league, starts March 30th. The club is running a special raffle to support the cost of ammo for the youth shooting team. The members did hold a Youth Ice Fishing Derby on February 15th, 8AM to 1PM on Fancher Pond just off NYS Rt. 10. There were 40 to 50 in attendance. No Perch or Pickerel caught, just Black Bass which were out of season. Questions – call Greg. If anyone needs the Trap shooter's schedule, please email me.

Summit Conservation Club: Next meeting will be in April 14th @ 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. 2025 schedule for pizza and breakfast: Saturdays 12 noon to 7PM & Sundays Noon to 4PM; April 26th & 27th. Also, Pancake Breakfast 8AM - 11AM: April 6th. The club donated \$500 to the Richmondville/Cobleskill Trap.

Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club: Last meeting had over 50 in attendance. More info available on website Middleburghr&gclub.com. 18 College students are shooting archery again on Friday nights. Women Pistol league has 19 women shooting. Had 20 shooters on Sunday for Pistol Outdoor shoot. Wayne Skowfoe was appointed as new

Chairman of the Dec. Raffle. Always looking for volunteers. Youth Archery Banquet on March 29th had over 200 in attendance. Had 17 sponsors for the Youth Archery Program plus Middleburgh R & G. Fish derby June 21st. Pistol course offered May 17&18, Sept 6&7, Nov. 15&16. Cost is \$300. 16 - hour course. Youth Fish derby is June 21st, Pond clean-out June 14th, Open to the public, Youth 3 to 15 years old, starts around 10AM.

West Rod & Gun Club: The membership voted to donate \$1000 to the Youth Trap shooters, shooting at the Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club. Annual Dues of \$20 are due at the diner. Next meeting will be held on May 6th. There will be another work party on May 4th on Rossman Hill near Looking Glass Pond. Will need PPE including Hard Hat, Eye protection, Hearing protection, High-visibility vest or coat, boots, & gloves. Spring Fever Party on May 10th at Pee Wee's starting around 12 noon. Bring a dish to pass. The club is supplying the main course along with beer & soda. There will be a special raffle \$10 ticket, one per member. Must be in attendance at the spring party to purchase a ticket. Raffle off a Henry Big Boy .44 Rifle. The club's address is PO Box 99, Fultonham, NY 12071. Club's E-mail address is westfultonrodandgunclub@gmail.com.

Schoharie County Veterans Service – Peer to Peer Advocate, Eileen Fisher, POC 518-295-2053. The Schoharie County Veteran Service provided lunches for over 60 vets on April 16 @ the Gathering Place in Cobleskill. On April 17 @ 10 AM they provided breakfast at the Conesville Country Store. On April 17 & April 24 @4PM the Veterans Service will continue their Equine program at SUNY Cobleskill. POC is Carolyn 518-225-5900. On May 21, The Veteran Service will have a presentation Remembering The Four Chaplains who gave up their life preservers to soldiers saving lives but sacrificing their own. The American Legion has created 20 minutes to review at the event. This is also held at the Gathering Place @ 1200 noon in Cobleskill. POC is Kim 518-823-4338.

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 (Schoharie Co. Cons. Assoc.) meeting will be held on April 24 at 7 PM @ 3673 St. Rte. 145 Cobleskill, NY 12043.

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, 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

Organization _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____