



Salem County Sportsmen's Club
70th Anniversary, 1947 - 2017

An Evergreen Tribute to all SCSC Volunteers

1947- 2017



Dedicated to SCSC Volunteers, 1947- 2017

A Memorial - To those men and women of the past who contributed so much in the creation and development of these grounds and facilities and to those who continue to develop, maintain and protect the ideals of the organization.

The Board of Directors in the 1980's dedicated this monument to its volunteers. The bell was salvaged by a member from a local church in Salem City.



SCSC, The First 18 Years, 1946 - 1964
Club History written for the September 5, 1964 Clubhouse Dedication
(Author unknown, unsigned)

- *In the fall of 1946 a small group of men from the old Mallard Club decided to pool their talents, ambitions and dreams and form a Sportsmen's Club. This band of dedicated men were determined to have something they had always wanted and at the same time, offer and share a new way of living to those who may have thought a "little" about it, but never seemed to get off the ground. Their first organized meeting was held at the "Citizens League" in Penns Grove. That first meeting produced temporary officers, who were to guide this club through the next several months of uncertainty.*
- *The Spring of 1947 established the first permanent officers, board of directors, Constitution and by-laws. This then, was the birth of the "Salem County Sportsmen's Club, Inc. Their assets consisted of a hungry desire, an unquenchable thirst for more knowledge of nature's wonders and a \$70 bank account.*
- *During the ensuing years, they held meetings in lodge halls, churches, civic buildings, and cellars of some of the members' homes. A less stouthearted group would have given up, due to many obstacles and setbacks, which befall any new organization, but these men knew what they wanted. The fondest dream was, of course, to someday have a club house which would be their own castle. The six years (1947 – 1953) following that first meeting was an accurate barometer of what this club was to be.*
- *They presented many different programs for Scouts, Rotary Clubs, Exchange Clubs and any other organization which indicated the slightest interest in their way of life. Movies of outdoor life were shown in schools to students and parent teachers meetings, in the interest of public education.*
- *They were directly responsible for the arrangement and stocking of trout in the gravel hole on Game Creek Road, which has brought many happy hours to countless numbers of angling enthusiasts. And for a real "Whopper" of a fish story try this one; The State Fish and Game Commission decided to transfer some bass from the gate hole in Alloway Lake to the lake proper. It was an unusual undertaking but the wardens had plenty of first class help from the Salem County Sportsmen's Club membership. The feat was accomplished by starting with a "beater" group who pounded the surface of the water with boards, paddles, etc., driving the fish towards a focal point where another group had set out seines. In this manner, they trapped some 1500 bass weighing up to 7 and 8 pounds. These they then released into the lake proper.*

SCSC - The First 18 Years, 1946 - 1964 continued

- *The year of 1951 saw the creation of the club emblem with a red, gold, and green shield which today is known and recognized by many. It was about this time that they established their first outdoor rifle range on the Game Creek Road. This range promoted interest to the degree of joining the National Rifle Association of America or NRA.*
- *Though it may not be well known the club had their own "Television Stars" who appeared on a T.V. show in the interest of a National Wildlife Week" show. The wonderful thing about this was not not a one of them became a temperamental artist, nor threatened to quit his job to further pursue a life before the cameras. That, friend, proves the caliber of character this club contains.*
- *The Club can also boast of being responsible for the proposal of gunning, in the southern counties in this state, while there is snow on the ground, which up to this time was illegal. The proposal passed the Regional and State Federation and from there to the Sate Game Council to become a law. This became Salem County's first law change under the new Council. The local Water Safety League showed their faith and recognition to the sportsmen" by appointing them to render assistance in that department.*
- *Now feeling relatively secure, the club became affiliated with the National Federation of Wildlife, the National Federation of Sportsmen, the National Rifle Association and the Salem County Federation of Sportsmen. That they were growing in stature became obvious.*
- *The year of 1953 was to become a milestone and undoubtedly the most important single event in the club's history took place. November 11 of this year (actual date July 13, 1953) they purchased (\$10,000) a tract of land from Mr. Raymond L. Boardman, to whom they shall be eternally grateful. It was through his understanding and kindness that the purchase consisted of approximately 39 acres (actual 28.8 acres +/-) on which stood a farmhouse, barn, some small outbuildings, many acres of trees, bushes and wild growth. The house being occupied by a caretaker presented a problem, in the form of where to hold the meetings. Naturally, the answer to this was the barn. At this time the membership consisted of about 66 extremely happy sportsmen. The conversion of the barn to a clubhouse started immediately and detail the blisters, sweat, and long hours of hard labor, would take hours. But convert it they did, by removing cow stalls, chicken roosts and all the accompanying "air looms" that go hand in hand. It was a proud membership which held their first meeting on April 15, 1954 in their very own "Clubhouse".*

SCSC - The First 18 Years, 1946 - 1964

continued.

- *Growing pains are not without their problems and this was no exception. Dues were increased along with the holdings of turkey shoots to keep the treasury solvent. It was with much pride the club accepted a duty requesting their help to instruct and guide a youth movement by a State warden. Another first was the origination of a safe gunner's course for young gunners. It was so highly thought of that the State endorsed this same program a few years later. In spite of all this activity, the club members still found time to aid the Boy Scouts in planting some 30,000 tees and shrubs throughout the County, and to help other sportsmen's start clubs.*
- *A very important fact was recognized at an early stage by the sportsmen and that was their relationship with the farmer. They realized only too well that he was the man who made it possible for them to have access to land for the trapping and hunting they enjoy so much. He (the farmer) is, for the most part, an understanding man who has the common interest of a love for the outdoor life. Respect for his property is always foremost in the true sportsman's mind, and the farmer has shown his appreciation of this by cooperating whenever possible.*
- *In September of 1960 an event took place which was to trigger the phenomenal growth of the club as we know it today. Negotiations were started to have samples of fill dirt taken by the Gaskill Construction Company for the construction of the adjacent Route 40 (dual lane) highway. Fortunately, the samples passed the test and the directors gave the nod, for an approved contract, to remove the fill dirt. The result is the beautiful fourteen acre lake they have today. It was this one move which can be referred to as the greatest contribution towards the increase of the membership. Now it was but a mere question of time before they decided to build the clubhouse they always wanted. March of 1960 the growing pains grew to an uncontrollable point whereby a building committee was formed to initiate this all important step. Not to be "left at the gate" the fever spread to the riflemen who started negotiations for a blue rock trap.*
- *Preliminary plans for the new building were accepted in the early winter of 1961 and if smug looks prevailed it was quite understandable. Many sessions followed with the pros and cons but the end result is evidence of the complete balance within the organization. Though these years presented many problems, the full intent and impact of the common association still allowed the sportsmen his hours of enjoyment.*
- *They could paint a picture of contentment and harmony if they wished but that type of men they were not. Differences there have been, but always it was a sincere interest to the club itself with personal viewpoints being expressed openly. It must be said here and now that through all the years, there has never been a serious rift within the officers or members of the club.*

SCSC - The First 18 Years, 1946 - 1964

continued.

- So many things should be said but that would take a lifetime, however, a salute to the "old gentlemen" is a must. This club has been fortunate in having a so called "Pensioner's Group". These men have retired after a lifetime of honest work, raising children and meeting the usual obligations of society. The talents and time they presented to the club is almost unbelievable and if the charter members can be called the backbone then these men can certainly be called the heart. It is understandable that an organization of this size would be composed of men that cover practically every trade in the book, including first class "tractor engineers". The work they have done both inside the buildings and on the grounds would take pages to fill. The Club is more grateful to these men than mere words can express. No club or organization could possibly function without the expressed consent of management, so to the wives they doff their hats. It has always been recognized that behind every successful venture a woman's hand has been felt. Though there is no ladies' auxiliary evident today, some of them still contribute many hours in duties which only they could perform. It must be realized that their willingness to "lend" their men to the club has made all this possible and it was not without sacrifice to the needs around their own homes. Bless them all.
- Today the Salem County Sportsmen's Club can boast of some 300 odd acres of ground, due to the willing cooperation of the nearby DuPont Chambers Works, who has leased them all that other than their privately owned 39 acres. A beautiful 14 acre "lake" rimmed with many variety of trees and shrubs is probably the chief attraction. The new modern club house, overlooking the lake adds the final touch which resembles the setting of a Maine lodge. Pistol, rifle and archery ranges have progressed to the excellent state in which they now are. The blue rock trap is a popular spot a few times each week as can be evidenced by the "banging". The picnic grove with its barbecue pits, swings, etc., is an ideal place for the family outings. The grounds are bordered by the winding Salem Creek, where members can enjoy boating and fishing to their hearts content.
- Eighteen years have passed since that first organized meeting in the "Citizens League" of Penns Grove. There must have been times when the charter members wondered what their fate would be. Today that small group can be justly proud of the talent, ambition, and dream they converted into a reality. By no stretch of the imagination has this been accomplished by just the original band of men and it should be clarified here. Down through the years, countless numbers of members have contributed freely and eagerly of their time, ability, strong backs and sturdy hands. A common goal could be sensed no matter how small or large the task.
- Perhaps the greatest satisfaction of all, to these sportsmen, is the fact that they have something to pass on to the next generation and a feeling of accomplishment that only comes through an honest and sincere effort.

SCSC - The First 18 Years, 1946 - 1964 continued.

- It is no easy matter to unfold a success story such as this without mentioning names, but it must be understood that to cover 17 years of credits to so many men for so many deeds this history would not be completed until the next century. Knowing these men simplifies the apology – they don't seek credit – they have what they want. All this was not without its hours of leisure and pleasure. There were trips to the deer woods which are still topics of conversation around the “snack bar” and pike fishing trips that resulted in pike “that long”. The jersey pines has long been the favorite stamping grounds for many of these men during vacations and week-ends and the Safaris were never more enjoyed by the Maharaja.
- •The strengths of the Salem County Sportsmen's Club Inc., lies in the fact that since its conception the intent has never wavered in the slightest degree and that is:
- *The purpose of which this club was organized is to conserve, restore, and protect the game, fish, and other wildlife and its habitat in Salem County, and its environs; to seek to procure better fishing and hunting for sportsmen; to promote and maintain friendly relations with landowners and the sportsmen; to cooperate in obtaining proper respect for and observation of fish and game laws, and so far as possible to spread knowledge of wild life among the residents of Salem County. To sponsor and promote group activities in all fields of sport and among the club membership.**
- ***Editors Note:** From the style & prose, the unknown author penning of this account of the first 18 years of the Club is suspected to have been either Daniel (Danny) Hughes – special events chairman and/or Richard “Dick” Rasmussen, Secretary. *This concludes the history of the SCSC recounting the first 18 formative years of the Salem County Sportsmen's Club and significant accomplishments of the men and women in Club history, 1946 to 1964.* The remainder of the Club history in this book is a photo history capturing significant events and accomplishments from 1964 to 2017 at the 70th anniversary celebration & open house held at the Clubhouse on December 2, 2017. An estimated 350 members and families attended.

What Were the Founders Thinking? - Forward Strategy or Luck?

- One of the questions most reflected upon regarding the early years of the SCSC is what shaped the vision of the early founders of the Club? Having been born in the roaring 20's or before, lived through the Great Depression and WW-II, the founders and their characteristics were defined by a *waste not, want not* attitude, conformity, conservatism, and traditional family values. Coming out of WW-II they understood the nobility of sacrifice for the common good. The founders and early members were patriotic, patient, and team players. The founders' and early members were sportsmen, outdoorsmen, watermen, family, neighbors, co-workers, and friends.
- While the original Mallard Club was organized in the 40's and reorganized in 1947 as SCSC, the purchase of the 28 +/- acre Raymond Boardman Farm in 1953 must have had roots of a greater vision by the founders. An affirmative vote to purchase the Raymond Boardman Farm occurred at the Union Presbyterian Church in Carneys Point was recounted by Lou Priest, Jr. Lou was an adolescent of 14 years old and able to "hunt alone" making him a voting member. The vote must have been a difficult one for 5 sportsmen to sign and undertake a \$10,000 mortgage in 1953.
- Where did the vision of protecting the wetlands (swamps), uplands, woodlands come from before any significant environmental popular notions or regulation? Salem County in 1952 was not well developed and had an abundance of farms, uplands and wetlands. If you weren't a farmer or small business owner, you probably worked at DuPont, Chambers Works, Plant 1 or Atlantic City Electric. Was there a long term strategy and planning by the founders to preserve the habitat that supports wildlife, hunting, fishing, boating, water sports, camping, and outdoor activities in a county with wide open spaces. Were the founders in 1947 individuals that were forming an organizations in the community using systems thinking to create a better future that was peaceful, healthy, prosperous, just, equitable, and resilient for generations to come. There is evidence to support the founders upstream thinking then and looking back to the original charter that is still relevant today. The early SCSC By-Laws support the vision that is still in place, viable and current today. Was the actions and the vision of the early founders a deliberate plan and not an unintended benefit of a dream or luck of a bunch of hunting, fishing and outdoor enthusiasts?
- In 1962, additional wetlands in the form of Lake Hudson was created from an asparagus field. Open spaces are utilized in the picnic/camping grove, the scout area, the archery range area, the firearms ranges, the walking trails (do you know there are walking trails). For sustainability in line with the original charter the new land acquisition of approx. 200 acres (original Hooks' Farm) of contiguous woodlands, uplands and wetlands continue the SCSC mission to expand and preserve the SCSC open spaces and wildlife sanctuary. This acquisition was as difficult for directors in 2012 as it was in Boardman Farm acquisition in 1953.
- Certainly through the decades the vision has endured to become more relevant today than in 1950's & 1960's particularly with continued growth of Salem County and New Jersey. SCSC members and volunteers continue to support the original historical charter and expanded objectives by their contributions and accomplishments in the past, present and on into the future.
- Enjoy this photo history of the Salem County Sportsmen's Club. (E.C. Sparks, SCSC historian).



Salem County Sportsmen's Club

The First 70 Years

Historical Purpose & Objectives, 1947 era

- To conserve, restore and protect the game, fish and other wildlife and their habitats in Salem County and the surrounding areas; to procure better fishing & hunting for sportsmen; to promote & maintain friendly relations between landowners & sportsmen; To cooperate in obtaining proper respect for the fish & game laws; To spread the knowledge the knowledge of wildlife among Club members.

Current Objectives, 1990 era

- To acquire, own and maintain real estate that provides a natural, indigenous wildlife habitat in Salem County to foster the regeneration of fish, game & other wildlife; To provide on a portion of such real estate, such improvements & facilities as may be appropriate & necessary to allow members and guests to assemble for Club activities; To provide pleasant, safe and environmentally sound location in which to enjoy family relationships and mutual comradeship; To enjoy the outdoors & to carry on a wide variety of permissible sporting activities including fishing, swimming, boating, archery, shooting and other similar activities.

The Boardman Family Farm

Purchased by Raymond Boardman in 1933 and sold to the
Founders of the SCSC, formerly The Mallard Club, in 1953.



The Lane to the Raymond Boardman Farm

From 1953 – 1962 this was the access road to the SCSC



Before the Sportsmen's Club: The Boardman Farm as recounted by daughter, Virginia Boardman

The early days: The early acquisition of the Boardman Farm by the founders of the SCSC in 1952 as recounted by Virginia Boardman. The Boardman family acquired approx. 30 – 35 acres of property in 1933 and during the Great Depression. The Raymond L. and Clarissa A. Boardman farm was sold to men many of whom returned to Salem County after WWII and who were friends of Raymond Boardman family. The Boardman Farm purchase price was recorded as \$10,000* and the actual acreage was 28.8 +/- **.

Daughter, Virginia Boardman recounted: *Their second farm was an Indian campground in the “old, old, old” days, and, after a rain, we could go out and pick up arrowheads all over the place. That field with all the arrowheads is believed to be under the (NJ) Turnpike. Boardman went on to recount that when her parents decided to retire, her dad talked to some of her older brother’s friends and said that if each put in ten dollars, they could have a mortgage and they could have that place for a gun club. ... There’s a half mile lane, and then, there’s about thirty acres of ground, and it’s surrounded by marshes that DuPont gets their water from. In turn her older brother’s friends bought the farm that is now the location of the **Salem County Sportsmen’s Club**. Boardman went on to state that the Sportsmen’s Club...built a great, big clubhouse, but it’s sort of nice, and considered that the farm stayed in the family (because it was local men who purchased the property who were known to the family and friends of her older brother). Virginia Boardman recounted she spent a lot of time just out with the dogs, wandering around the fields. The Boardman’s moved to the farm in 1933 so [that] they could eat (during the Great Depression). Ms. Boardman recalled the family probably ate better than anybody in the community because they had all fresh vegetables and berries and a three-quart container of milk on the table and finish it in one meal ...and the cream was so thick, it would just roll out.*

*In 1933, the Boardman’s purchased their farm (the former Logston farm) after moving from Penns Grove, N.J. The Boardman’s lived on the farm until Raymond Boardman’ retirement from DuPont in 1952. ****

*Citations: Rutgers Oral History Archives, Tara Kraenzlin & Laura Vallence, March 25, 1999.

** Legal mortagage document, July 1, 1953 & Original Property survey print 28.8 +/- acres.

***Betty “Boardman” Waddington

THE EARLY FOUNDERS

1949 SCSC Board of Directors

(Many of these directors were likely members of the Original Mallard Club in 1946 and the SCSC founders).

Back Row L – R: Sam Cup, Charlie Burkentine, Max Young, Pete Blyler,
Front Row L- R: Bill Talley, Bill Adams, Glen Young, Payton Kilburn



Chronological History of SCSC Significant Events

(not inclusive of all events)

- **1940's - 1946:** The Mallard Club, The Beagle Club
- **1947:** Mallard Club transitions & incorporates as the Salem County Sportsmens Club, Inc. (December 7, 1947). 1st Game Dinner.
- **1952:** First members (Charles Sparks, William Albrecht) fish Dorval Lodge, Canada - genesis of annual Canadian Fishing Trip.
- **1953:** July 13, six members signed a mortgage agreement to purchase the Raymond L. and Clarissa A. Boardman Farm of approximately 28.8 acres: Signatures were Chester Chollis, Leon Kellmyer, Charles D. Sparks, Glen Young, Arthur Hudson and Chester Gominger. 66 members.
- **1961:** Discharge of mortgage for Boardman Farm, June 15, 1961.
- **1953 – 1961:** Transformation of the new property - barn to clubhouse. First SCSC Fishing Derby.
- **1961:** Digging begun of Lake (Hudson) and addition of new ranges backstops.
- **1962:** Construction begun for new Clubhouse.
- **1964:** Dedication of completed Clubhouse & Lake.
- **1967:** Annual Dorval Canadian fishing trip begins.
- **1970's:** Construction and dedication of Glen Young Pavilion and picnic area.
- **1980's:** Construction of the Glen Young Pavilion; Walk through Archery Range.
- **1993:** Construction begins of clubhouse, bar & lounge expansion.
- **1995:** Dedication of New Clubhouse Expansion.
- **1997:** 50th Anniversary, 1000 attend.
- **1999:** Hurricane Floyd floods grounds & clubhouse; New electric power line to the Picnic Grove.
- **2000:** Clubhouse expansion mortgage paid off.
- **2002:** New deep water well drilled in picnic grove; First Annual NRA Day Event 1st SCSC Great American Outdoor (Eastern Outdoor) Bus Trip.
- **2003:** Initiation of Forest Stewardship Study & Plan (Don Elfreth, Rbt. Williams, CF).
- **2004:** New Lake Beach House Construction; Forestry Picnic Grove Pavilion, concrete. floors; Forestry Stewardship Plan accepted for N.J. certification.
- **2005:** SCSC hosts "Becoming an Outdoor Woman"; 1st Annual Friends of NRA (FNRA).
- **2007:** SCSC 60th Anniversary Celebration – focus on volunteerism.
- **2011:** Hurricane Irene floods grounds, club cellar.
- **2012:** Acquisition of the new property (former Hooks Farm from current owner, Jack Acton).
- **2016:** Comcast Line run to Club for WIFI, hi speed internet, TV and communications.
- **2017: 70 Anniversary Open House.**

THE GLENN YOUNG PAVILION

This Pavilion was a reclaimed storage shed from the DuPont Chambers Works. Scheduled for demolition, but instead generously donated to the Club. The shed was salvaged, disassembled and reassembled by Club volunteers in the 1980's. Named after a founder, Glenn Young, the pavilion still serves the Club as a picnic pavilion for members and has a capacity of 150.



Dedicated to the Volunteers

Past, Present and Future



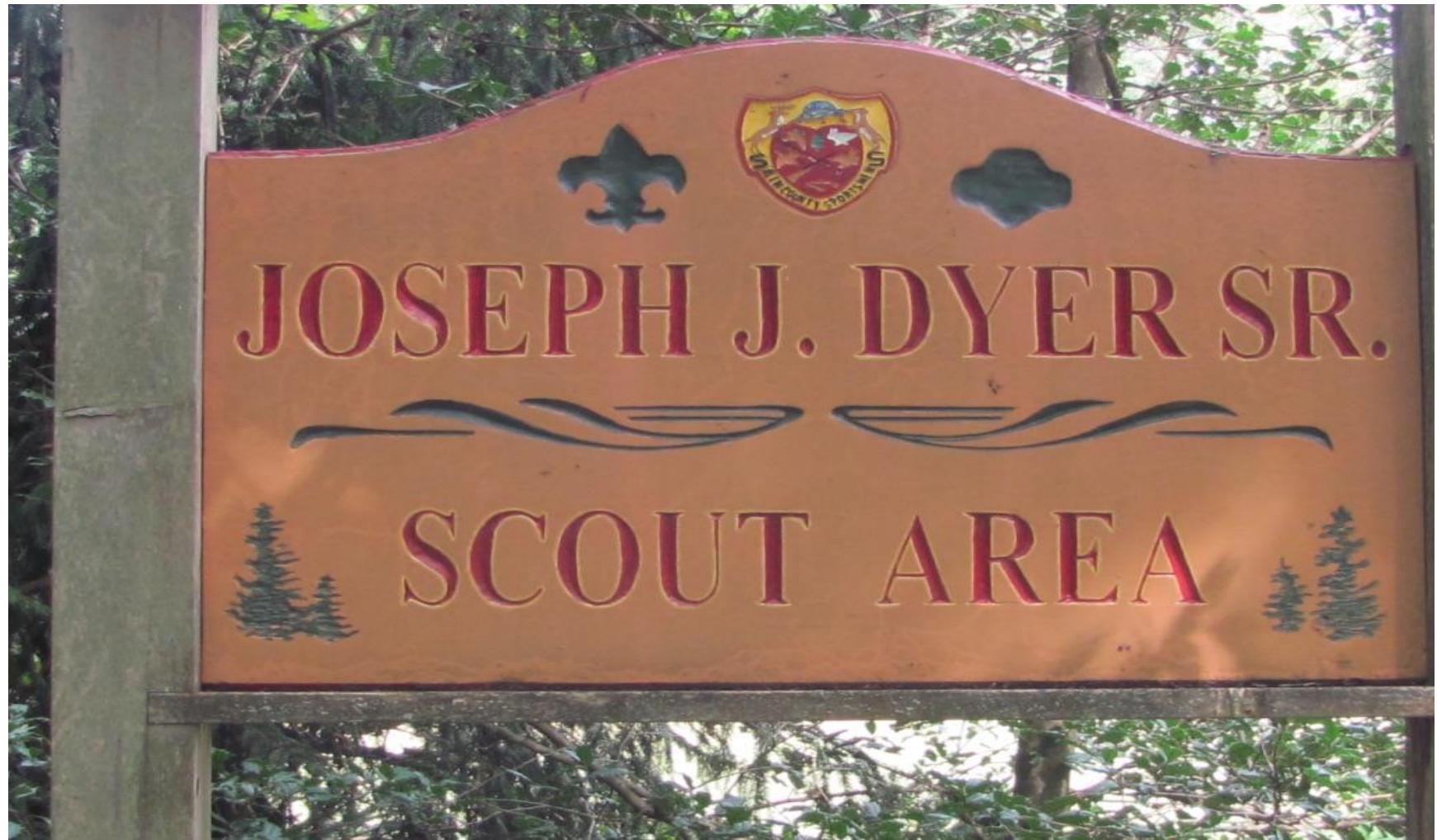
SCSC Volunteers

Show up when they're needed



JOSEPH J. DYER, SR.

President, Historian, Treasurer, Volunteer, Good Scout, Public Servant



Charles D. Sparks, Sr.

Founder, President, Advisor, Volunteer, Public Servant



The First Clubhouse

The Boardman Barn, Corn Crib, and Chicken House, 1953.

The barn was the Clubhouse until 1962 then converted to the Lake bathhouse until 2004.





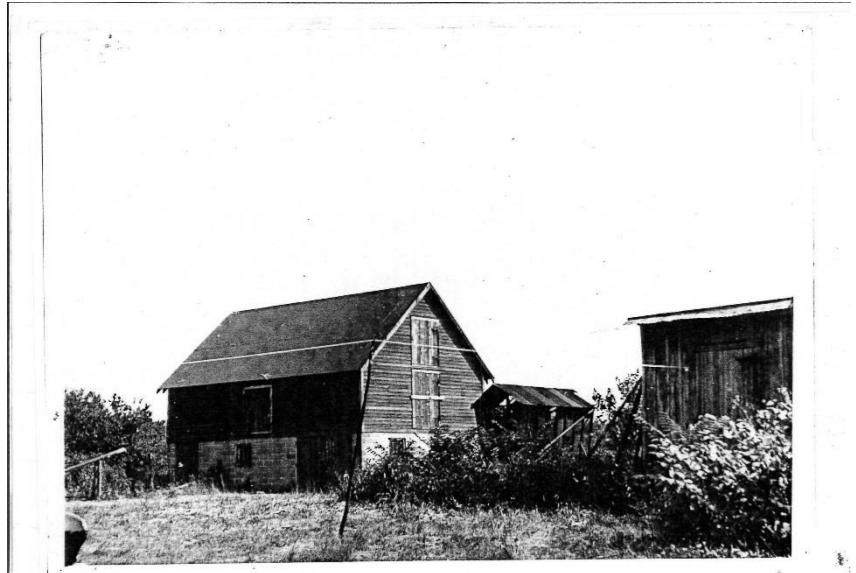
The old Homestead of the Boardman Farm

The Original Caretakers

Original owner Logston homestead sold to Raymond & Clarissa Boardman in 1933. Sold to SCSC in 1953 for \$10,000. The property was located in "Eagletown" of Upper Penns Neck Twp, now Carneys Point. The farm house was located in the center of the current clubhouse parking lot. The first SCSC caretaker was Arthur Hudson & family, who occupied this house.

Evolution of the Clubhouse & Bathhouse

1953 to 2004

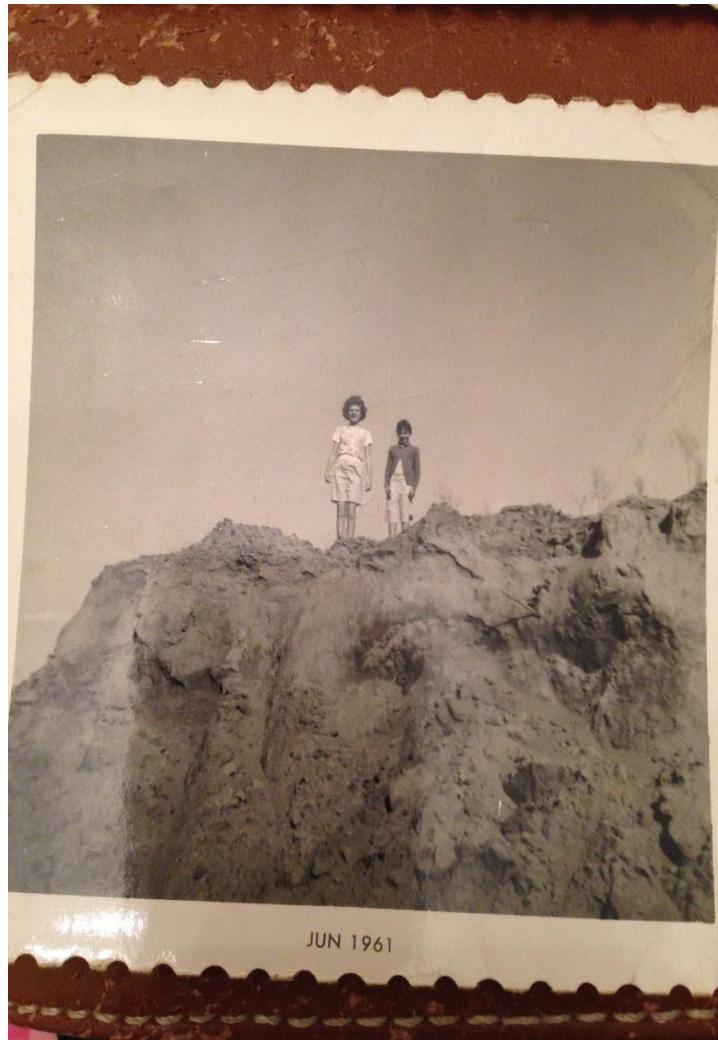


The Boardman's barn & farmhouse above, 1953. The barn served as the first Clubhouse, 1953 to 1964. The farmhouse served as the first caretaker's home. After the new clubhouse was built it housed the caretaker and the farmhouse was razed. The barn was converted to the Lake change house. In 2004, a new change house with a caretaker's unit was constructed.

A New Lake is Born – Lake Hudson

A beautiful sight indeed to all eyes, digging of Lake Hudson in 1961. The funds from the gravel for Route 40 paid for the construction of a new Clubhouse. The clubhouse begun by contractors and finished by SCSC volunteers and Lake Hudson were dedicated by formal ceremony in 1964.

Photo's courtesy of Roberta Berger



Groundbreaking for the new clubhouse in 1960 circa.

Left-Right: Glendon Young, Danny Hughes, Fred Forrest, Don Nixon, Sam Jacobs (Bannerboys Sporting Goods), Charlie Sparks, unknown , Richard Tingle (Architect).



GROUND BREAKING FOR OUR CLUBHOUSE

1953 Boardman Farm Out Buildings, demolished mid 1950's.

Site of the current parking lot. The Barn remained until the construction of the new Lake change house and custodian apartment was completed in 2005.



OTHER BUILDINGS OF THE BOARDMAN FARM CIRCA 1850

**PENNS GROVE "GRAVEL HOLE"
HOME OF THE ORIGINAL SCSC "LEARN TO SWIM" PROGRAM, 1952.**



PENNS GROVE, SAND WASH 1952 S.C.S.C. SWIM PROJECT

Lake Hudson

Lake Hudson, named after first SCSC caretaker, Arthur "Moose" Hudson, is a 13 acre, 35 feet at deepest point, spring fed lake. Dug to build US Route 40 in 1961, the revenue from the gravel was utilized to build a new Clubhouse.



Abernake Collection

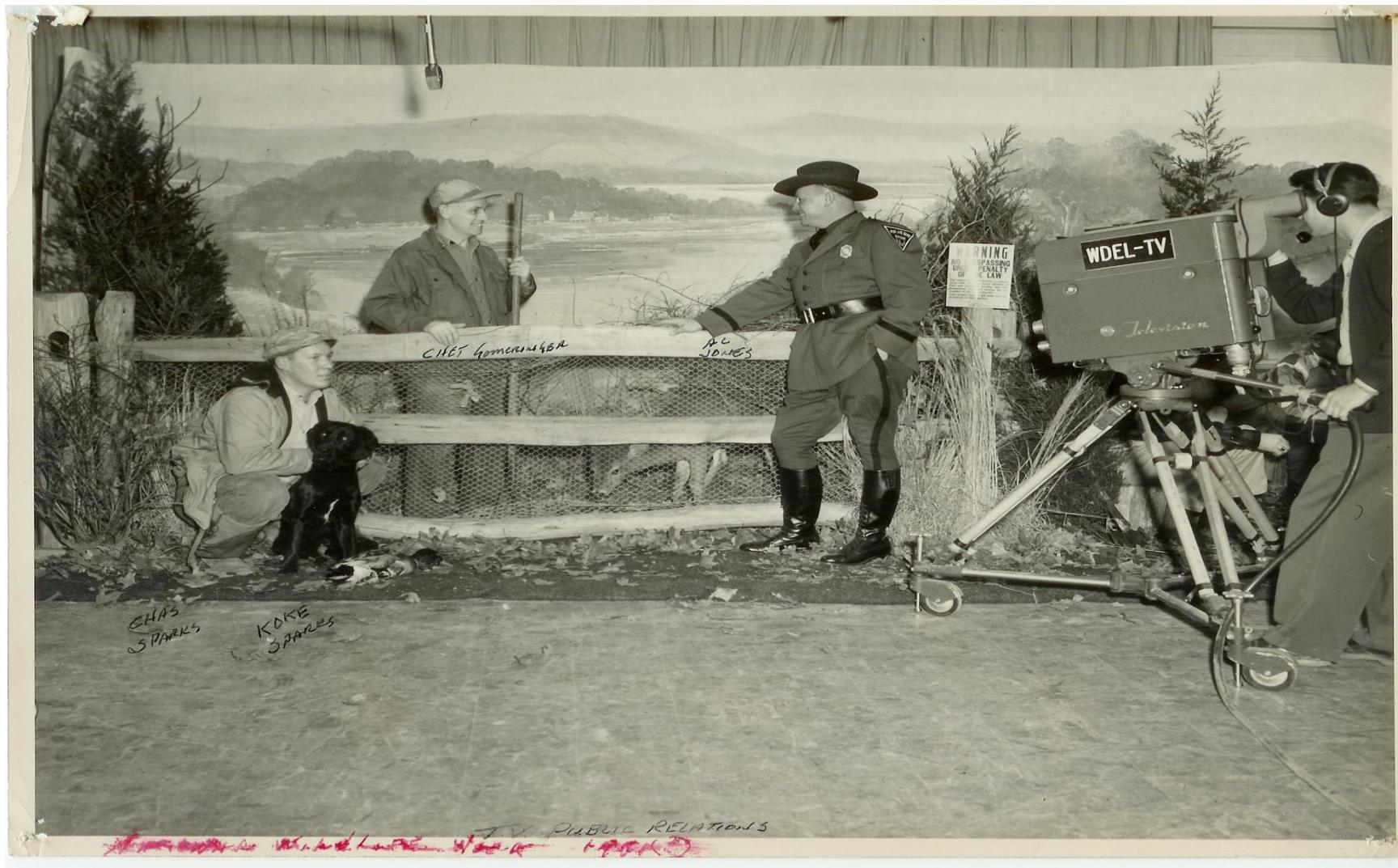
A total of 131 mixed prehistoric, natural, mineral & reconstructed artifacts were collected and compiled by members William Adams, Sr. Frank P. Allen, and Glen Young. The exhibit spans an aggregate artifact collection ranging from 8000 BC to 1650 AC. The collection includes Lenape Delaware or Lenni Lenape native American material of the Late Woodland Period ca. 1300AD to 1650AD. This collection is housed at the clubhouse and has been displayed for decades for member's viewing and appreciation.



Promoting Conservation & Good Sportsmanship

WDEL TV Sportsmen's & Farmers Conservation Media Promotion by SCSC

Charlie Sparks and Labrador Retriever – "Coke". Chet Gominger, Farmer & Al Jones, game warden.



Promoting the Sportsman & Conservation

"Off The Cuff" with Paul Hunsberger (L), Radio WSNJ. Charles Sparks (R), President of SCSC at the time speaks to a radio audience in the 1960's promoting the role of the sportsmen to conservation.



SCSC "FIELD DAY".

This event was to promote sportsmen's activities followed by food.



Fishing Day, 1950's

Sy Slocum, Glen Young & brother Max Young on the Salem Canal. Fishing Day transitioned to Father & Son Weekend to Father & Child Weekend to Member & Child Weekend! Photo taken on the Club's original fishing waters.



5 LB BASS caught by Gus Kellmyer (past president 1962) at the mouth of the Game Creek and Deepwater Canal.



Arthur "Moose" Hudson & Charlie Sparks (center) after a successful Raccoon Hunt. Dog owners unknown. Raccoon was served at the Club's famous game dinners.



1953 Fishing Derby at the SCSC. Glen Young & Moose Hudson judge the “big one”.



Chet Gominger & 2 young Fisherman at a SCSC Fishing Derby, 1950's.



1953 FISHING DERBY:

The *Fishing Derby* of the 1950's was precursor to the *Father & Child Campout & Fishing Derby*. With women increasing the ranks as primary SCSC members the annual outing was renamed *Member & Child Weekend & Fishing Derby*.



JUNE 13 1953 FISH DERBY

TWO FORMER PRESIDENTS TAKE TIME TO FISH THE DEEPWATER CANAL.

Art Hawkinson (bow) & Charlie Sparks, (stern).

The Deepwater Canal provides a meandering, scenic navigable waterway approximately 13 miles from the Delaware River at Deepwater Dam east to Pilesgrove Twp.



ART HAWKINSON

CHARLES SPARKS

GLEN YOUNG CARP FISHING WITH BOW & ARROW ON THE CANAL.



GLEN YOUNG Bow & Arrow FOR CARP

ORIGINAL "TURKEY SHOOT", 1956. AWARD WAS A "REAL" TURKEY



GO GET'M OUTING IN NEW JERSEY PINE BARREN'S "DEERWOODS".
Based on the automobiles, what year?



GO GET'M OUTING DEERWOODS
CHATHAM NORTH

GO GET'EM DEER CLUB - New Jersey Pine Barrens

Sid Simpkins, Milt Dubois, Earl Landis, Charlie Sparks, Charlie Hocknell, Arnold Minton, Art Hawkinson, Pete Blyler, Max Young, Bobbie Slocum, Sy Slocum, Harry James, Gus Kellmyer, Glen Young, Tom Mumney, Chet Gominger, Payton Kilburn, Art Hudson. Many named here were early or founding members of SCSC.



Penns Grove Sandwash or “Gravel Hole”.
SCSC members sink raft pilings for the early “Learn to Swim Program”, 1952.



BOARDMAN'S Lane Bridge

Original entrance bridge to SCSC from Sportsmen's Road. Example of various wetlands draining into Salem Deepwater Canal. The original members by their charter demonstrated an early appreciation for land conservation and preservation of wet lands, formerly "swamps".



Volunteers on the Club's First Tractors

Bill Brayerton (right)



Harvesting Snapper Turtles from pond at Max Young's on Game Creek.
Snapper Soup Anyone?



1960'S EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Easter service followed by a breakfast has been a continuing Club tradition since the late 1960's.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE CIRCA LATE 1960's AN S.C.S.C TRADITION

SCSC FISHING TRIP - A FAIR CATCH
Member fishing trips are still a part of Club activities
CAPT. BUZZ GARRISON, BRIELLE, N.J. - Late 1940's



The Early Years – Deer Season

Long time member M/M Joe Norton, (early members) and friends



M/M JOE NORTON

FISH HAUL SEINING - GAME FISH CONSERVATION PROJECT
Alloway, N.J. Lake Gate Hole.
CHARLIE SPARKS, ART HUDSON, BITTER GRAHAM, GAME WARDEN.



PROMOTING THE SPORTSMEN
SCSC at the YMCA Fair, 1950'S



SCSC CLAMBAKE IN THE PICNIC GROVE

Fund raising to pay the mortgage, 1954



ANOTHER S.C.S.C. TRADITION "THE CLAMBAKE" CIRCA 1954

SCSC Game Dinner, Carneys Point YMCA, 1954.
Early founders & volunteers serve to a packed house to pay the mortgage.



1954 S-C-S-C. GAME DINNER AT YMCA - GROVE

SCSC Game Dinner, February 3, 1959

14 Kitchen Volunteers of the 12th & last Game Dinner at the Penns Grove YMCA.
(L-R: George Onkst, Art Hudson, Lew Priest, Irma Onkst, Mary Priest)





1964 - 2017

Photos and Chronological History

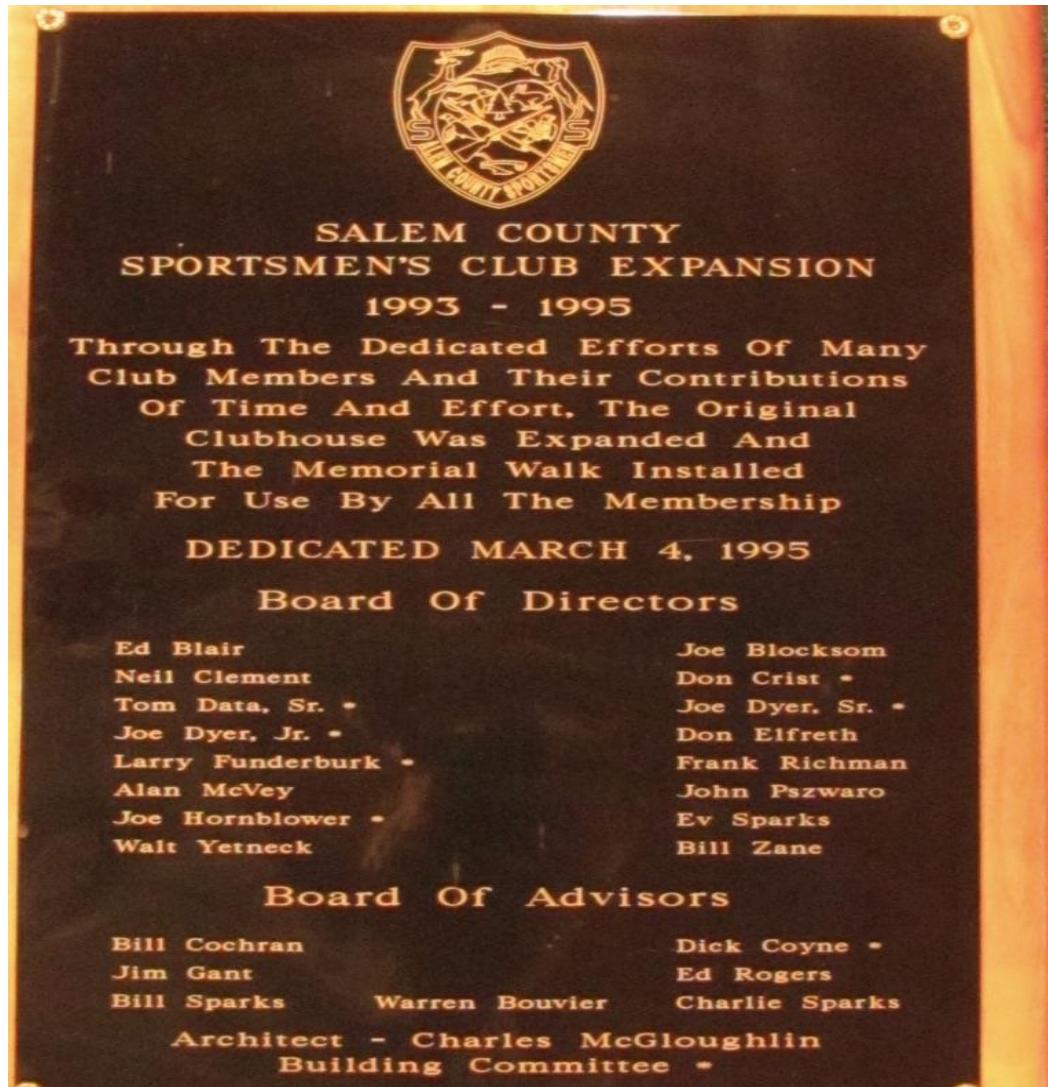
Arthur. R. "Moose" Hudson

Founder, 1st Caretaker, Volunteer



Clubhouse Expansion, 1993 - 1995

The Officers and Board of Directors began expansion of the original Clubhouse in 1993 to increase the size of the mainroom, kitchen, basement and bar. The expansion has made the Club more accommodating to weddings, and group gatherings. Special note of the dedicated efforts and project capabilities of Dick Coyne, Larry Funderburke, Joe Dyer Sr, Joe Hornblower, the Advisors and volunteers. The mortgage payoff in early 2000 made it possible to begin the Lake Project of a new changehouse, snack bar and caretakers unit in 2004.



Clubhouse

1962 original, expansion 1992.

Current Photo 2017.



Lake Bath-House and Caretaker's Unit

A modern bath-house was constructed in 2002.

Frank Ollek Construction.



N.J. Forestry Stewardship Program

In 2004 the SCSC Forestry Stewardship plan was written and submitted to the State of New Jersey. SCSC volunteers have been maintaining the SCSC's woodlands in a continuing effort to insure healthy woodlands and wildlife population.



SCSC Bar & Captain's Lounge

The Original Bar 6 seat bar was converted into a storeroom and coat room. The new bar tends to be one of most scenic in the area. The bar was part of the clubhouse expansion in 1994. Bar chairman during this expansion & upgrade was Lawrence Funderburke. The bar counter is solid Cherry, made in California. Windows afford a scenic water view of the Lake and Beach.



Gus's Garage

Tuesday volunteers at work AKA “The Pensioner Group”. The garage area and its mechanical equipment is maintained by a garage crew of mechanics. Long time Club mechanic Gus Marques is remembered for his years of service to the Club, his mechanical repair skills & expertise, and his patience with mechanical breakdowns & repairs.



Calling All Volunteers

The Club seeks to achieve approximately 10% of the Club membership as volunteers in some capacity. The Tuesday Group consistently fields 20 to 35 volunteers on a weekly basis & maintains the property throughout the year in addition to special projects. Volunteers have been a long standing tradition of the Club since its inception.



Club Parking Lot Renovation

The small Bradford flowering Pear trees were a good idea at the time of the new Clubhouse expansion in 1992. Tree growth, snow plowing and the need for additional parking spots required removal of the trees in 2017. A volunteer project, it took 3 Tuesdays to complete the project.



Mowing

Volunteers mow utilize tractors and mowers to maintain the grounds, groves, ranges, and pastures.



Thomas Pollard

Game Preserve

SCSC since its inception in 1947 has been a designated game preserve and continues be a preserve to this day. Over 500 acres managed by the Club, owned and leased, are designated a game preserve. Waterfowl hunting on the Salem Deepwater Canal boarding Club grounds is permitted.



• Game Preserve

Waterway Boat Racks

With increasing interest of kayaking, canoeing, the Club is adding storage racks for greater access and convenience to the Canal. The Lake storage area is being modified and has a limit of 40 boats for a fee. All boat storage on the property is at members risk & responsibility.

- Boat Storage Salem Canal



Club Equipment

Equipment both mechanical & manual are operated by volunteers in the continual effort to maintain and sustain the property in an environmental & aesthetic manner. Shown, pulling the Lake aerator and fountain for the winter.



Archery Ranges

Archery target ranges are maintained in two locations, a stationary field with an elevated platform and a walk-through archery range of approximately 1/3 mile.



Picnic Grove & Camp Ground

Canal Access for boating on the Salem-Deepwater Canal, this area was leased to SCSC by E.I. DuPont. The property was generously donated and transferred to the Club by DuPont.



Glen Young Pavilion Bathroom & Showers

Designed and built essentially by Dick Coyne, Jack Bowers and Bill Sparks in the 1980's. Termed the "million dollar" bathroom, it has a shower facility. The structure serves the ranges and the pavilion area 12 months per year.



THE RANGES

The Trap Range

ALL FIREARM RANGES REQUIRES COMPLETION OF A RANGE SAFETY COURSE.
A RANGE SAFETY BADGE IS REQUIRED ON THE GUN RANGES.



The Air Gun Range



Turkey Shoot

Trap Range, Sunday, Fall / Winter (win a frozen turkey with most pellet in target)



RIFLE RANGES – 100 YARD

The Range area has a 100 yard rifle range. Not shown is the adjacent pistol and small caliber rifle range to the right.



SKEET RANGE

The Winnberg Pavilion's materials were generously donated and the structure erected by Club volunteers.



Archery Range

A stationary and elevated or ground level range located at the edge of the trap range.



WALK THROUGH ARCHERY RANGE



The New Property, 2012

In 2012, property contiguous and adjacent to the Club, the former Hook's Farm, was purchased from John "Jack" Acton. An additional 200 acres of uplands, agriculture, woodlands and wetlands immediately became a game preserve. The land acquisition complements the open spaces, conservation and outdoor recreation pursuits of the members and provides a buffer from development. Campground access road shown.



New Property, 2012- 2017

Shown are the agricultural fields in which hay is grown. Not obvious is the Forestry Program is also an agricultural pursuit of the Club.



New Property, 2012

Located on the new property are what are believed to be a powder shed, 1917 era. Not shown is an adjacent structure that looked to house livestock at some point in the past. Future research is being conducted on the history of these buildings.



New Property

Care takers residence on East side of the new property acquisition.



New Property Caretakers Residence

With the new property additional out buildings were acquired including storage buildings



New Property

The Western side of the property is US Route 40 and the East side borders Courses Landing Road. Access to Course Landing Road is restricted and gated with only emergency access. No member entrance or exit is currently permitted.



New Property, adds to outdoor recreation.

The additional acreage has provided additional miles of walking, dog walking, biking & hiking to the Club's outdoor activites. In other words, an enjoyable walk in the woods.



The Salem – Deepwater Canal

Club property through the camping area provides for approximately 13 miles of meandering non-tidal mostly navigable waterway for fishing, boating, site seeing, bird and water animal watching. Water fowl hunting is permitted on the canal. Canal levels are maintained by dams at the Delaware and Salem River (tidal).



Canal Boat Ramp and Dock

The ramp & dock is private and open to members only. Occasionally the Club hosts outside fishing groups such as Bass Busters. A new public ramp became available in 2015 to the public in Mannington Twp. South of the Club.



Conservation and Fire Prevention Awareness

Member awareness and precautions for fire prevention while on Club Grounds. Open fires are restricted during high risk times such as drought. No open campfires can be left unattended at any time on Club Grounds.



Clubhouse Moose



Clubhouse Elk



Clubhouse Turkey



The Club House

A multi-use facility for members. Shown an evening learning painting crafts & instruction.



The SCSC Wetlands

SCSC friends, the Beavers. Leave it to beaver(s) to keep the Tuesday crew busy keeping the waters flowing to the canal. The beaver are active, healthy and well.



Lou & Susie Priest

Long time contributor to the Club, especially the ranges, Lou Priest is the longest active member of the Club. Lou voted in 1952 as a young member to purchase the 'Raymond & Clarissa Boardman Farm. He is a current Advisor Emeritus to the Board of Directors and continues to attend every membership meeting. Lou remains an active volunteer on the skeet range.



Volunteer & New Advisor

Lyle Case, 11/28/2017



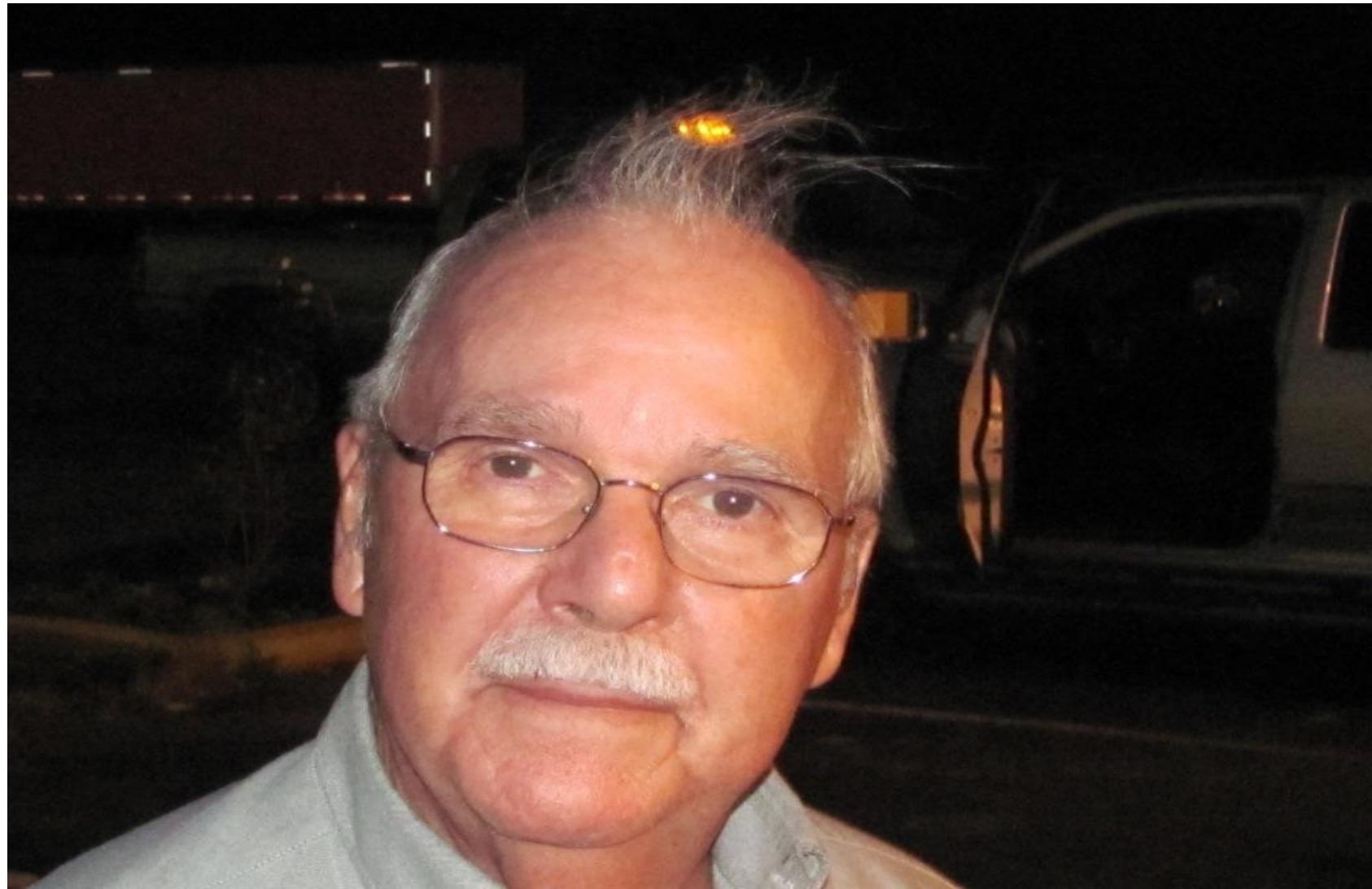
A great place to walk in the nature

Unidentified walker enjoys the Fall Show with a walk in the woods.



Volunteer & Lifetime Member

Harry Hill, was given the high honor of a lifetime membership for his constant vigilance and contributions on Tuesdays and during urgencies & emergencies for the “betterment” & safeguarding of the Club. Harry is skilled, humble, reliable and highly contributing as a volunteer.



To be continued.

Next update 2022, 75th Anniversary.

Dedicated to the Volunteers and their contributions that enable the sustainability of the SCSC and its mission.

