



# Salem County Sportsmens Club

## LAKE HUDSON NEWS

JULY - SEPT 2020

### *President's Message*



Brad Holmes

Greetings members. Despite your absence due to Covid-19 isolations and the “on & off pauses” in New Jersey’s activities of daily living, I want to assure you the Club has been unencumbered in maintaining and upgrading the facilities. Your Club is ready and able to host you back to all the activities you enjoy as members when the civil authorities allow.

The Volunteers have maintained the essential operations of the Club and capital improvements have been made as you will see with the new parking lot improvements. The ranges continue to be repaired and improved for the shooting sports with the skeet range next on the list for more upgrades. I am delighted that camping, outdoor bar, the ranges and the beach are now open for members.

The Directors continue to adhere to the Club’s original and current environmental charter. A family-based Club membership committed to outdoor member activities, woodland, wetlands and wildlife preservation have been our continued goal since 1947. The outcome of the original founders’ mission statement continues to make the Club an enjoyable, successful organization to this day despite modern day challenges.

We have a strong financial standing and are paying off the mortgage as scheduled. We are also making improvements and upgrades continuously to better the Club experience for members.

As your President and on a personal note, I could not be prouder of our Club. Thankyou members, directors and volunteers for your efforts, contributions, flexibility, fortitude, patience and intelligence over the last several months.



The Club is re-opening. Be Well, Stay Well, & Thank-you for the continued support of your Club. Brad

## **CLUB UPDATES – OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

### **Club Membership Meeting** **Wednesday, July 8 at 8:00pm.**

We will be following occupancy requirements based on the Governor's orders. We will not be serving any food for this meeting. We will overflow as needed onto the patio. Please be sure to come out. We have lots to discuss and your feedback is very important to how we move forward. Please remember to wear a mask at the meeting.

### **Lake Reminders**

Update - We are now offering swim tests for kids who want to be able to go outside the rope on their own.

As with the new “normal” everywhere, there will be a few guidelines that need to be followed to allow for the safety of our staff and members. Please respect these new rules as this allows us to open the lake. If we can get restrictions on us reduced, we will certainly relax them as soon as possible.

- Please be sure to have your membership card or valid state ID with you so we can verify your membership. We will be logging who is coming to the lake for the foreseeable future.
- Masks must be worn starting at check-in and as required in the description below.
  - Ages 2 and under, or someone with a letter from his/her doctor providing a medical exemption are not required to wear a mask.
  - Ages 3 - 9, we encourage these children to wear masks when exploring but do not need them if they stay at your beach set-up or in the water. However, if a child in this group goes by him/herself or otherwise not with his/her parent/guardian to the snack stand or restroom, a mask is required. Even if the child in this range is with an older sibling, a mask will still be required.
  - Ages 10+, required unless you are at your beach set-up or in the water.
- At this time, no guests are permitted - members only. Exception: Grandparents registered through the office who can bring grandchildren of members.
- Please remain in a line at the gate check-in, do not go around waiting cars or the gate checker.
- Flags will mark the beach where you may set up, allowing for social distancing between families. There will be no markers on the grass. Please set up with social distancing in mind.
- Only two people in the bathroom at a time. A gate checker will monitor the bathroom and attempt to sanitize after use. Indoor showers will not be cleaned/sanitized until after the lake closes.
- Paddle boats and the rowboat will not be used until further notice.
- Picnic tables are able to be used. They will not be sanitized between use. We recommend bringing your own tablecloth. Please clean-up when you leave.
- The swim band your child/children received at the end of last season will be their color band for the start of the season.
- Check for your belongings before leaving the club; there will be no *Lost & Found* this year.

The lake season has begun this year with the above guidelines with the hope of eliminating some of the restrictions in accordance with the NJ Department of Health. Some things have not changed! You must show your membership card or a photo ID when checking in. The gate checkers need a little time to begin to recognize you!

**LAKE: Status: Open with social distancing**  
**11:00 am - 8:00 pm, 7 days per week until Labor Day.**  
**Lake Snack Bar: 11 am – 5 pm**

**A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TO CLUB**  
**Parking Lot Paving Project, June 2-4, 2020**



The parking lot improvement was a long-term planning committee effort as SCSC patiently waited for the right time, “know thy time”. By history, the last parking lot improvement was in 1992 with the clubhouse expansion. It included planting Bradford Pear trees (director Joe Blocksom) which after 25 years of growth became problematic. The trees were excavated by the sweat equity and brawn of the Tuesday’s volunteers (2017-2018) under the leadership of Gary Trotter & Harry Hill. The parking lot was patched and kept functional. The closing of most of SCSC’s activities in the Spring due to the Covid-19, the Club’s loyal membership paying their annual dues and a fair price by Guy Paving created the ideal time for the BOD to authorize the project. As the civil authorities open the State for business again, the Club looks forward to reopening for the membership to enjoy.

## WELCOME BACK TO THE BEACH - Director Mert Coles

The 2020 Lake Season has finally arrived. Opening weekend was a warm, sunny one with kids and adults enjoying warm water. Members were observed social distancing, being compliant with the guidelines and restrictions placed upon us, and by the smiles on their faces, just enjoying getting back out to the Club. Returning and new staff ran like a well-oiled machine. It was a great opening!! We would like to welcome **Alexis Cleary and Lisa LaScala** as our new lake supervisors. Say hello to Alexis & Lisa. They will be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. See *Ever Evolving & Changing New Normal on Lake Hudson* below.

### **Ben Mahala, Volunteer at Work**



Special thanks from the lake to volunteer Ben Mahala. A former director, Ben is still active assisting the Club. In this case working underwater to secure the floatation anchorage on the lake. Another example of members demonstrating the Club has a lot of talented volunteers. Thanks Ben!

## SNACK BAR

The lake snack bar has also opened. There will be a limited menu this year. To conform to the practice of social distancing, we ask that one family be at the window, while awaiting family is at the edge of the patio. Masks must be worn while at the concession stand. The snack bar will be open from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, seven days a week. The snack bar may close early, or be closed completely, for inclement weather.

## The CLUB BAR OPERATION (outdoors w/social distancing)

Bill Ronn, Club Food & Beverage Director

Summer has finally started. Come on out and enjoy the new outdoor dining/drinking experience. We will be featuring a number of kitchen food including slow roasted hot roast beef sandwiches with fries. There are rumors that Chrissy will be making Jello Shots and other drink specials including her newest one "The Peanut Butter Cup". We hope to see you enjoying your favorite adult beverage as the Club attempt to get back to "normal".

## Club Update on Returning to Normal Operations

- As with going to any other public space, there is still a risk of contracting COVID-19. While we are making a concerted effort to follow all regulations and recommendations from the NJ Department of Health and the State of New Jersey - Governor's Office, you must decide based on your personal or family situation whether you should be around other people with the possibility of an unwitting transmission (unknowingly infected) of COVID-19.
- Please try to connect with your member friends to make sure they are receiving emails.
- Please do visit our website <http://www.scsportsmensclub.org/> for club updates.
- If you have symptoms related to COVID-19, you cannot be on the grounds.

## SCSC Unique History of Access to Private Land



Landowners bordering the Club's 300 acres are sensitive to the public accessing their land. The Club has a good relationship with our adjacent landowners. We understand the occasional, rare intrusion on SCSC property and vice versa on our neighbors' properties. Our neighbors' properties and the Club's property is posted. Having good neighbors to our Club is an incredible gift, and in order to preserve it, everyone who ventures outdoors needs to understand the contribution that landowners make. Members are encouraged to make an attempt while walking or hiking to stay on Club property and not wander or explore our neighbors' properties without their permission.

No matter how you are enjoying this beautiful spring weather, it is important to be a good land user and respect landowners:

1. ALWAYS ask for permission, whether or not there are signs on the property requesting that you do so, and regardless of who owns it (a private individual or a business).
2. Learn what matters most to the landowner
3. Provide detailed information
4. Know Club boundaries
5. Keep it clean, pack out what you pack in.
6. Keep it legal
7. Say *thank you*.



*Thank you for helping continue one of the Club's original objectives, a unique history respecting private land of farmers and access to private land.*



### **Club Wildlife Sanctuary Guidelines: How to avoid conflicts.**

Remember your Club is a Wildlife Preserve with over 300 acres of uplands and wetlands. Snakes, frogs, rabbits, squirrels, fox, deer, birds, eagles, raccoons, possum, rodents, beaver, muskrats, geese, ducks, fox, water birds and groundhogs are seen frequently. Some wildlife species are drawn to areas that offer food, shelter and safety from natural predators. In exchange, they risk running into trouble with their human neighbors.

As a SCSC member, you can control the way you experience the wildlife on Club grounds – enjoying the wonder of watching animals move through our wildlife preserve, **their** habitats, and yours. To do so, you just need to understand why animals might be attracted to our wildlife sanctuary. Use your common sense and outdoors experience. Pass it on to your children and guests. Here are some preventative steps as a reminder.

#### **KEEP WILDLIFE WILD - Watch wildlife from a distance**



Never approach, handle, feed, or attempt to move a wild animal. **For suspicious (rabid) animals DO NOT ATTEMPT TO INTERACT. Members may contact 911 or the local police for this type of active situation/observation.**



**ELIMINATE ACCESS TO SHELTER** - While the Club attempts to make our facilities safe and seal potential entry points in attics or chimneys and under buildings, decks and crawl spaces be aware that the bathhouses, campground and picnic grove bathrooms may have an occasional incursion by smaller animals (rodents, squirrels).



**BE SMART ABOUT THE GARBAGE** - Members are asked to use the trash and recycling cans and for large events bag garbage and place them in the large trash dumpsters adjacent to the Clubhouse. Keep dumpster lids closed and latched.



**BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER** - Keep your pet's vaccinations up to date. **Keep your pet on a leash and/or under your direct control at all times while on Club property.**

- Don't feed pets on Club grounds outside unless you must, such as camping; and if that's the case, clean up after.
- Don't feed feral cats.
- At night (dusk until dawn), secure your pets inside (the tent or vehicle) if possible and don't let pets wander on the grounds unaccompanied to avoid misadventures with wild animals.
- If an Animal Control Officer is needed contact a director or caretaker.



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### **In Memoriam of Donald Crist and Joseph Dyer, Jr.**

*On behalf of the Club, Directors and Advisors it is the Club's sad duty to recognize the passing of two members and volunteers that dedicated decades of effort to the betterment of the Club. Both past Presidents and Directors, the obituaries of Don Crist and Joe Dyer, Jr. are printed for the membership in this newsletter so that both of these fine individuals are recognized for their dedication and contributions, both small and large, to SCSC. We hope the Club gave back to these two fine men as much enjoyment and satisfaction as the Club received from them over the course of their membership. Rest in peace Joe and Don, you made a difference.*



### **Obituary and Tribute to Donald H. Crist**

Donald Harold Crist, Age 75 of Carney's Point, NJ, formerly of Pennsville, NJ, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on May 18, 2020. Born July 18, 1944 to Benjamin Lloyd Crist and Margaret (Fricker) Crist. He is the twin brother of Patricia Long (Carl) of Millville, DE. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dianne Lynn Hyde Crist, daughters Nancy Crist Evans, Brian, Natalie Crist Cook, Tony. Grandchildren, Haley Crist, Benjamin Evans, Janelle Cook & Anthony J Cook, Jr. Predeceased by his brother Benjamin Crist. Don joined the Army in 1963 and ended service in 1969. He was stationed in Germany with the Seventh Army Parachute team Airborne 8th. He came back to make his home in Pennsville NJ in 1969. Employed by Atlantic City Electric where he retired in 1998. Don was a life member of the Pennsville Volunteer Fire Department joining in 1963 as a junior member. He served as president 1981-1982 and a NJ State Relief Association Member from 1970-1977.

Don was an active member of the Salem County Sportsmen Club. He checked off about every major accomplishment of being a lifetime member of 50 years. Don served as a volunteer, director, vice president and president. He also presided over the two major club achievements, the Clubhouse addition in 1992 and the acquisition of hundreds of acres of woodlands and wetlands to protect (as part of the Club's mission). In his last role as caretaker, Don in his love for the club, continued to be steadfast, dedicated, reliable steward watching over the club property. Don's favorite response in his administration of his custodian duties was: "I'll take care of it". He was a formidable presence and guiding light at the club. His presence and contributions will be long lasting to the club and will remain a permanent part of the club's history.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be held in NJ at a later date. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Compassionate Care 261 Connecticut Drive, Suite 1 Burlington, NJ 08016. 609-267-1178.

[www.laughreyfuneralhome.com](http://www.laughreyfuneralhome.com)

#### **Final Resting Place: Donald Crist**

Salem County Veterans Cemetery, 719 Salem-Woodstown Road, Pilesgrove, New Jersey



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### **Obituary and Tribute to Joseph Dyer, Jr.**

Joseph John Dyer Jr., age 61, of Mount Holly, NC, formerly of Alloway, NJ, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on May 18, 2020. Born August 5, 1958 to Joseph J. Dyer Sr. and Joan Annette (Matteo) Dyer, he was the third of six children. He is survived by his wife Susan Haslett Dyer, son Joseph J. Dyer III (Jay) and fiancée Daniela of Austin, TX, and daughter Jessica Rose of Charlotte, NC. He is also survived by his sister Debra McGowan and brothers Thomas Dyer and John Dyer. He is predeceased by his parents and his brother John Joseph Dyer and Patrick James Dyer.

He graduated from Pennsville Memorial High School in 1976 as part of the bicentennial class, and University of Delaware in 1980 with a sociology/criminal justice degree. Joe began his career in 1981 as a senior probation officer for Salem County and later became the Superintendent of the Salem County Alternative Youth Shelter and Salem County Juvenile Detention Center. In 2008, he started working at Occidental Chemical Corp. as a console technician, until his retirement in 2019.

Joe was a past president and vice president of the Salem County Sportsmen's Club Board of Directors. His father Joseph Dyer, Sr was also a President and Treasurer of the SCSC. His brothers Thomas and John are also currently on the SCSC Board of Directors. Mother Joan Dyer was an avid supporter of SCSC and her family's volunteerism at the Club. Joe also served the community as an Arc of Salem County Board of Directors member, and Alloway Township School Board of Education president and vice president for several years. He was an avid Philadelphia sports fan, never to be seen without his red Phillies hat. He enjoyed eating crabs, spending time with loved ones, and serving his community.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be held in NJ at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the sweet souls that cared for Joe so diligently during the weeks leading up to his passing. Novant Hospice, P.O. Box 33549, Charlotte, NC 28233-3549.

### **To Families & Friends of Don Crist and Joe Dyer, Jr:**

#### *Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep*

Mary Elizabeth Frye

Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there; I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sun on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circling flight.  
I am the soft star-shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there; I did not die.

***Volunteerism is the lifeblood of our Club – Stu Schermerhorn, Director***



A special thank you to **Brandie Parks-Chollis** and **John Chollis**, their sons **Michael and Charlie**, **Amy and Joe Turk**, and **Susan and Ed Kille**. They recently planted flowers at the lake and clubhouse gardens. When you come out to the Club, please be sure to check out how beautiful everything looks. They came out several days and over multiple weekends to do the mulching and planting.

The Club can always use more volunteers to help with projects. Feel free to contact the office or let a director know you are interested in helping out and especially if you have a trade skill like electrical, piping, carpentry, etc. We encourage members to come out to support the Club as it helps members get to know each other, but it also helps to keep our costs down. Without volunteers, dues would be higher as the grounds still need to be maintained, and repairs and improvements still need to be performed.

## **2020 DIRECTORS**

**The 2020 Annual Election for the Board of Directors is scheduled for September 24, 2020, 7 PM at the Clubhouse.**

*Contact any director though the office for volunteer interest.*

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENTS 2019-2020</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>Club Call &amp; Message Center</b>	
Brad Holmes, President	PRESIDENT- water testing.	Caretakers, water testing	856-299-5588	
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John Laielli Director	DIRECTOR	YOD, Day, Scouts, Camp-Out.	856-299-5588	
Ron Ayres, Director	DIRECTOR	RANGE DIRECTOR	856-299-5588	
Stu Schermerhorn, Director	DIRECTOR	GROUNDS TUESDAY CREW	856-299-5588	
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Al Guimetti, Director	DIRECTOR	HOUSE, KEYS; DECORATING;	856-299-5588	
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John Seymour, Director	DIRECTOR	Boats, Campground; PURCHASING	856-299-5588	
John Dyer, Director	DIRECTOR	Halloween Party, Canada, Apparel.	856-299-5588	
Kim Baker	DIRECTOR	Egg Hunt, Fundraising; Crafts	856-299-5588	
Bill Ronn, Director	DIRECTOR	Food & Beverage	856-299-5588	

**ADVISORS**

Roberts Epps, Al McVey, Dave Wright, Lyle Case, Bill Cochran, Brent Warner  
Ed Lawrence (Emeritus – In memorial), Lou Priest (Emeritus)

**CARETAKER – LORRAINE – 856-628-5840**

**COVID-2019 / COVID 2020 PUBLIC HEALTH EVENT INFORMATION & SCSC?**

MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE OFFICE CALL CENTER, LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR.

THE OFFICE OR A DIRECTOR WILL ATTEMPT TO RETURN ALL CALLS AND QUESTIONS IN AN EXPEDIENT MANNER.

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MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT COPY FOR CONSIDERATION IN CARE OF: THE LAKE HUDSON NEWS.

All submittals are subject to review and inclusion by the editor and the BOD. Email submission in care of editor to:

**[scscoffice@scsportsmensclub.org](mailto:scscoffice@scsportsmensclub.org)**

**SAVE THE DATE**



**SCSC 75<sup>TH</sup> - 2022**

## SCSC OBJECTIVES & PURPOSES

**Original: 1947:** To conserve, restore and protect the game, fish and other wildlife and their habitat in Salem County and the surrounding areas; to procure better fishing and hunting for sportsmen; to promote and maintain friendly relations between landowners and sportsmen; to cooperate in obtaining proper respect for the fish and game laws; and to spread the knowledge of wildlife among Club membership.

**Current Objectives:** In addition to the foregoing original purposes and objectives, the Salem County Sportsmen's Club purposes and objectives is perpetuated as follows: to acquire, own and maintain real estate that provides a natural, indigenous wildlife habitat in Salem County to foster the regeneration of fish, game, and other wildlife; to provide on a portion of such real estate such improvements and facilities as may be appropriate and necessary to allow members and guests to assemble for various purposes related to Club activities; and to provide and preserve a pleasant, safe and environmentally sound location in which to enjoy family relationships and mutual comradeship, to enjoy the outdoors, and to carry on a wide variety of permissible sporting activities including fishing, swimming, boating, archery, shooting and other similar activities.

### REMEMBER



Upon Entry Speed Limit – 15 mph.