



Salem County Sportsmens Club

LAKE HUDSON NEWS SEPTEMBER 2020

President's Message



Brad Holmes

The annual election for the Board of Directors will be held on September 24, 2020. I want to emphasize the importance of our annual election of Club leadership and encourage members to come out to meet the candidates and vote.

The Club's Spring & Summer adjustments to the Corona public health event for the most part been successful as the Club re-opened, rescheduled and cancelled activities in response to the civil authorities. Thank you to all members for your flexibility during this time. We do expect more adjustments in the Fall and will communicate via Club's communications systems to members.

Without interruption during the Covid-19 event, I'm happy to report your directors, officers and volunteers were hard and safely at work to continue to maintain and make improvements to the Club. We do regret that the social functions of the Club were severely affected over the last 6 months. We are focusing on returning the social aspects of the Club as rapidly and creatively as we can along guidelines of the civil authorities.

A flash storm and flooding struck the area in early August causing mostly road flooding at the Club. The weather event was addressed without great difficulty by a rapid volunteer's response. I was very proud of our response to the flooding. The response secured the Club from serious damage. The Lake and wetlands were unaffected. The water level receded as in past flood events. No adverse problems in Lake Hudson water quality occurred. The Lake water was laboratory tested and water quality was found to be safe and unaffected. The Lake reopened 8/14.

The officers and directors encourage you to continue to enjoy the Club as we constantly work to restore all Club activities that you've come to enjoy as members. Be well, stay well and thank-you for your continued support of your Club!

Don't forget to come out to vote on 9/24.

BRAD

General Guidelines for Use of the Club

- 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 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.
- You must practice social distancing (6 feet minimum) from other members.
- The Clubhouse is open, masks are required. We are limited in occupancy and occupancy numbers will be adjusted as required.

Office Hours

Monday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Tuesday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Thursday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Friday 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Mailing Address:

Salem County Sportsmen's Club
PO Box 130
Deepwater, NJ 08023

Office: Kelly Clement

Status: Mask required in office, one person at a time.

Main Tele: 856-299-5588 -Voicemail Active

FAX: 856-299-5988

EMAIL: scscoffice@scsportsmensclub.org

VOLUNTEER TUESDAY GROUP

Status: Routine Operations

Director Stu Schermerhorn. Every Tues. 8am – 12pm & special work parties

BAR HOURS – Status: Open with social distancing

Wed, Thurs, Fri: 5 pm till 10 pm.

Sat & Sun: 1 pm till 10 pm.

Bar Phone: 856-514-3813

LAKE: Status: Open with social distancing

11:00 am - 7:00 pm

7 days per week until Labor Day.

Lake Snack Bar: 11 am – 5 pm

Club Closure – Flooding 8/7 - 8/8/2020

Carneys Point and Salem County was besieged by rain causing flooding to the Salem Canal and its wetlands. The heavy rain and tornado warnings were independent of but followed in the immediate aftermath of Tropical Storm Isaias earlier in the week. Due to the heavy rain and previously saturated wetlands, flooding occurred on the Club property. The Directors closed the Club until Tuesday, 8/11/20. This included all amenities - lake, ranges, campground, etc. The lake was retested for E. coli and was reopened with a clean water test on 8/14. (Ed. Note – the Club has had previous experience with the wetlands water mixing with the Lake water, no difficulty resulted in the quality of the lake water other than the exchange of few fish back and forth). Fortunately, the water did not breach the berms surrounding the Clubhouse and no flooding occurred inside. (Ed. Note – the entire basement was restored by the Tuesday volunteers after flooding from Hurricanes Floyd and Irene, 1999 & 2011). No equipment was damaged including the tractors and mowers. Further assessment of the property for flood damage was conducted by the Directors and Volunteers as the flood waters began to recede on 8/8/20 and the canal at Chemours Munson Dam was able to lower the canal surge at low tides on the Delaware River. The outdoor pavilion membership meeting on 8/12 was cancelled for concern of an increased surge of insect activity due to the flooding.

By history the Club has an active flood procedure in place that is reviewed and updated. Following Club flooding from Hurricanes Floyd (1999), and Irene (2011) and the threat of flooding from Hurricane Sandy (2012) volunteers monitor rising Club waters and take action to prevent flood damage to the Club as possible. A generator was installed following Hurricane Irene as a result to prevent disruption during power outages. The Salem Canal and its wetlands and lakes to the East and bordering the Club property drain from the Daretown Lake area, Woodstown Lake, and includes Layton's Lake (Rt 48 – Two Penny Run) spillway to Munson Dam. We estimate approximately 13 navigable miles as the canal meanders to the Delaware. The Salem Canal was originally a tidal canal but was rendered a freshwater upon the construction of Munson Dam at the former DuPont Chambers Works. The Club's wetlands and uplands are part of the wetland systems upstream and downstream to its East and West that control the canal levels to the Delaware River. The canal has remained an important water source for wildlife, waterfowl, industry, farming, and for outdoor water recreation for fisherman, hunters, trappers, boaters and swimming. The canal has been a wetland resource and asset for the Club since the Club acquired the Boardman Farm property and continues today with the acquisition of the Hooks Farm and additional canal frontage. The following photos were submitted by the Club's flood team of Directors and volunteers.



Stu Schermerhorn inspects equipment sheds. Vehicles were able to navigate the main road. Equipment is moved to high ground when the wetlands flood



Fauna & Flora survived the flooding, (photo by Tom Delsignore). Flooding did not cause any harm to the environment, natural or manmade. View of Boardman's Lane which was the original access road to the Club prior to 1960.

VOLUNTEER'S NEWS PAGE



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 Club 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.

Thank You Volunteers for showing up every Tuesday for routine maintenance and not so routine maintenance and repairs to the Club! Rain, Shine, Sleet, Heat, Cold, Snow or Flood, as volunteers you truly are the lifeblood of this Club - Stu.



Lake & Beach News



Mert Coles, Director

The Lake and the Snack Bar have enjoyed seeing familiar faces and meeting new members during our 2020 Lake season. As we wind down the following changes will take effect. **The lake will be closed from August 31 through September 4, as all Lake Staff will be returning to school. The Lake and Snack Bar will reopen on September 5 for Labor Day Weekend. Monday, September 7 will be the last day of the season.** We would like to thank the members for their patience this summer as we experienced an unusual season. We would also like to commend the Lake Staff for a smooth transition into new routines.

Emergency Response at the Lake

The Salem County Sportsmen's Club would like to recognize and commend the following Lake Staff for their instantaneous response, group effort, and unfaltering care during an emergency at the Lake. In July, **Alexis Cleary (beach/lake supervisor), Audrey Allen, Quintin Weigle, Taylor Sparks, and Will Carpenter** provided medical care and support for a member who experienced an acute medical event until 911/EMS paramedics arrived on the scene. As lifeguards, their first aid training and life-safety skills enabled them to save a life. Thank you. Well done Audrey, Alexis, Quintin, Taylor and Will!



Alexis Cleary & Audrey Allen



Quintin Weigle & Taylor Sparks



Will Carpenter

2020 Lake and Beach Corona Virus Precautions & Routines

- The following precautions were implemented at the beginning of the season.
- 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, but not sanitized between use. Bring your own tablecloth. Please clean-up when you leave.
- Check for your belongings before leaving the club, there will be no Lost and Found this year. The Lake will continue its season 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!

RANGE NEWS



Range Director Ron Ayres

The flooding in early August did not adversely affect the ranges after the waters receded. All ranges were operational on reopening of the Club on 8/11/20. Range reminder to shooters that the social distancing policy is still in effect. Wearing a mask is optional while using the ranges at this time. The ranges have a number of events and instructional clinics coming up in the Fall. See the Range events. Be safe, follow the range rules and wear your Range Badges at all times when on the Ranges.



Archery and Air-gun Range during 8/8/20 flooding

Skeet and Trap are open Wednesday's at 5:00pm and the skeet is also open on Sunday mornings 8:30am. The cost per round is still \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. Come on out and have some fun and good conversation with fellow members. New shooters are always welcome.

This year's **McGrory awards season** was delayed because of the shutdown. It has now started effective July 1st and will extend to Nov 1st. At least 12 scores are needed to qualify.

Range Events

- **09/09 – TARGET LEAGUE** – Want to brush up on your marksmanship in a friendly target league? Look for more details to follow from our Range Director and how to sign up!
- **9/26, 9/27 - SHOTGUN INSTRUCTOR'S CLASS** - September 12th and 13th. Contact **Ron Ayres** for more information.
- **9/19 Civilian Marksmanship Program Match** – Garand-Springfield-Vintage Military Rifle Match
Entry Fee: \$10 Competition is open to: Any qualified US Citizens. All competitors must have a notarized “Eligibility Affidavit and Liability Agreement” form at registration or on file. Registration begins at 8:00 AM and closes at 9:00 AM. Safety Briefing starts at 9:00 AM and Match follows. **CMP Rules:** Current edition of CMP Rules Course of Fire: G-S-M Course A (30 record shots). Shooters & Spectators -Must wear eye and ear protection! Alcoholic beverages are not permitted! Eligibility forms are available at the Office where you can also register. For additional information call: Bruce Mulford at 215-913-1053.
- **10/10 – Women on Target** – The Women on Target originally scheduled for September 26, 2020 has changed to October 10, 2020 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Ticket cost is \$35. If you have any questions, please contact John Laielli at 609-217-5199. Please click on the link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-on-target-tickets-117194924173>
- **NRA MEMBER?** Or is it time for renewal? Life membership still \$600 and discounted yearly plans available too! Your renewal through the club benefits our NRA programs! Call me or click the link <https://membership.nra.org/recruiters/join/XC034523> today.
- **SOCIAL EVENTS 09/05 – VENDOR SHOW** – We are looking for vendors for Labor Day weekend Vendor Fair on 9/5 to show off their wares! Tables: Members \$10, Non-Members \$15. Get those holiday gift orders early!! Inside and/or outside TBD as state guidelines dictate.

For questions regarding any of these events, contact the office to assist you.

2019-2020 DIRECTORS

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

Contact any director through the office for volunteer interest.

DIRECTORS	ASSIGNMENTS 2019-2020	ASSIGNMENTS	Club Call & Message Center	
Brad Holmes, President	PRESIDENT	Caretakers, water testing	856-299-5588	
Mert Coles Vice President	VICE PRESIDENT	LAKE/BEACH; Ladies night-out.	856-299-5588	
Tom Dyer, Treasurer	TREASURER	FINANCIAL- OFFICE;	856-299-5588	
Brian Kamens, Secretary	SECRETARY	Communications, IT, Website	856-299-5588	
John Laielli Director	DIRECTOR	Y.O. 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	
Bruce Mulford, Director	DIRECTOR	DINNERS, CMP, NRA DAY	856-299-5588	
Al Giumetti, Director	DIRECTOR	HOUSE, KEYS; DECORATING;	856-299-5588	
John Spiewak, Director	DIRECTOR	RANGE SAFETY; ARCHERY	856-299-5588	
John Seymour, Director	DIRECTOR	Boats, Campground; PURCHASING	856-299-5588	
John Dyer, Director	DIRECTOR	Halloween Party, Canada, Apparel.	856-299-5588	
Kim Baker, Director	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)

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

During the COVID public health event, members are asked to contact the office call center and leave a message to contact an officer or director. Messages are checked daily and calls and questions will be returned in an expedient manner.

CARETAKER

856-628-5840

REMEMBER
Speed Limit – 15 MPH or less



More on Flooding Event

The Club's roadways were closed to traffic except for experienced Club volunteers during the August flood event. The flooding was impressive but was greater during Hurricanes Floyd & Irene in which the basement was impacted. Interface of wetlands and the Lake are not considered to be a hazard to either body of water. The waters began to recede by August 10. Lake water quality was unaffected. The Club was open for members on August 12 and the Beach open for swimming on August 14. The Club does have flood insurance for claims if necessary.



Entrance Road



Hornblower Way Crossing the Culvert



Bend from Clubhouse on Hornblower Way



Wetlands draining into Lake



Picnic Grove Boat Ramp / Canal Dock



Hornblower Way (Lake to left)



PARTING SHOTS
 Ev Sparks
 SCSC Newsletter Editor & Historian

SCSC Communication's Committee
 Brian Kamens, Webpage, Director
 Roberta Berger, Webpage, Communications
 Everett Sparks, Newsletter
 Kelly Clement, Office Secretary

Submissions to the Lake Hudson News

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT COPY FOR CONSIDERATION 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. The Lake Hudson News is a longstanding newsletter of SCSC named in recognition for a founding member and first Club caretaker Arthur "Moose" Hudson.

SAVE THE DATE



SCSC 75TH - 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.*