



Salem County Sportsmens Club

A Family Outdoor Life & Conservation Organization

Lake Hudson News

Mid Summer Edition, July 2021

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Tuesday Volunteers Meet

Every Tuesday, 8 am – 12 pm

Club Membership Meetings

Second Wednesdays, 7 PM



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brad Holmes

Looking forward from the 2020-2021 quarantines and civil mandates, HORRAY the Club is opening up and returning to its traditional events and activities that members enjoy.

Notably, the annual **Member-Child Campout** in June was an overwhelming success. Campers were able to enjoy the Club's outdoors and participate in a variety of activities such as campfires, fishing, the fishing derby, boating, air gun shooting, swimming, helicopter flights, and Ty-Dye Tee Shirts offered by volunteers. Director Bill Ronn and his volunteers organized the event to not be over-structured but to provide enough events for campers to participate or simply enjoy the weekend in their campsites on their own. This newsletter highlights the event. The Club also is looking forward to football season again at the Bar, go Eagles. Possibly in the Fall a Youth Outdoor Day will be held as well.

The ranges have seen significant improvements over the last several years for the Club's shooting sports. Ron Ayres range committee & Stu Schermerhorn's grounds committee and the volunteers have done a fantastic job on all the ranges. A Fall NRA day may be able to take place this year and we also are looking forward to being able to host Friends of the NRA again in February.

Over the course of the last year, we were able to take advantage of low activity to make significant physical improvements to the Club. The parking lot was paved as one major project. The Tuesday volunteer group continued to provide routine maintenance required on a regular basis, cut firewood, grass, clean up storm damage and tree falls as well as the shop areas provide electrical, carpentry and plumbing repairs.

On the Lake, the beach received several loads of new sand. The Tuesday Volunteers spread and groomed the sand in preparation for swim season.

We regret the Canadian border remains closed and the annual Dorval Lodge fishing trip had to be cancelled by Director John Dyer. Hopefully, next year's 50th anniversary trip (1972 -2022) will be celebrated at Dorval Lodge if the borders are open. The Walleye & Pike should be big and numerous with 2 years off from SCSC fishermen!

On the business end, 2021 membership retention remained stable with a very low number of non-renewals. The directors do plan to open the waiting list in the Fall, stay tuned. On behalf of the Directors, the Club is in good shape. We are fiscally sound. Our mortgage, that expanded our Club's open spaces to almost 300 acres, is 90% paid. We are blessed with a great group of leaders, volunteers and membership, all who are appreciative of our conservation charter and enjoy life in the outdoors and open spaces.

Members are encouraged to attend meetings, vote, express observations, ideas, concerns, volunteer, actively participate and enjoy the Club.

Be Safe, Enjoy Your Club
Brad

NEWS MEMBERS CAN USE



SPEED LIMIT CHANGE COMING

10 MPH ZONE

Club parking lot to the end of Glen Young Pavilion area

Motorist driving on Club property are advised there will be a new speed limit of **10 MPH** between the Club parking lot and entire length of the Glen Young Pavilion area coming soon. As always, the Directors appreciate the membership's cooperation.

SCSC MEMORIAL BRICKS : Engraved memorial bricks on the Clubhouse patio serve to memorize or honor a family member, event or an important person in your life. Cost is \$100. Memorial Brick forms are available at the Club office.

BAR HOURS: Wednesday 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm; Thursday – Closed; Friday 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm; Saturday 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm; Sunday 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm; If you intend to arrive two hours before closing time, please call ahead to the bar (856-514-2257).

BATH HOUSES/BATHROOMS: Members are reminded that the bath house facilities are cleaned by our Club volunteers. **Simply stated it is a thankless job and member's utmost cooperation and attention is needed.** Members assistance is needed to keep these facilities clean, sanitary and functioning within high standards during and after your use. Notify the caretakers in the event there are plumbing issues or problems with the change houses, bathrooms at any time in the Clubhouse, Pavilion area, Picnic Grove or on the Beach. **Caretakers:** Lorraine Jones, 856-628-5840 or Tom Del-Signore, 609-420-2524.



LADIES NIGHT OFF continues to be a popular event for dining out at the Club. The event is back after the 2021 pandemic pause on social events. Stay tuned to your SCSC electronic messages for this event and others as the Club gets back to full membership gatherings and functions. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm for a cost of \$7.00. Dessert donations are always appreciated. As always, thank you to the volunteers that coordinate Ladies Night Off!

The Lake: Our seasonal waterfowl scramble from fouling the beach.



The Geese are gone for the season, we hope.



Club Office News

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From the Desk of Chrissy Jones, Office Secretary & Kathy Del-Signore, per diem office assistant.

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

Monday 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesday 10:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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2021 MEMBER-CHILD CAMPOUT - AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS!



Campout director & coordinator Bill Ronn



Office Secretary Chrissy Jones instructs Ty Dying

ANNUAL MEMBER-CHILD CAMPOUT 2021

The first SCSC campout began in the 1950's in the Boardman's farm barn. The barn was SCSC's first Clubhouse. In the 1960's the event was renamed to the Father & Son Campout as the event evolved to become a family affair with spouses and daughters attending as campers. The Campout was moved to the Club's campground and picnic grove along the canal. In the 1990's the event was again renamed to Member – Child Campout to represent the evolution of this popular event. The date of the campout was then coordinated with New Jersey's Free Fishing Weekend in June. Meals of two breakfasts and one Saturday supper were added as members volunteered for kitchen duty. A fishing tournament and awards follows Saturday's supper. Prizes for the fishing tournament are donated by members and purchased by the Club for the young fishermen. Some years, entertainment such as a magician or movies were held in the Clubhouse. The Club also is able to defray expenses and enhance the experience for the campers due to generous in-kind and donations to the event by a few members who enthusiastically support the event. Volunteers have also enthusiastically supported the event in time and effort over the years as well, making the campout a unique and special member event. The campout attempts to balance family time for campfires, smores, outdoor cooking, swimming, boating, and play as well as having a limited number of scheduled events to attend. The 2020 event was cancelled unfortunately due to the corona virus pandemic as the Club complied with public health measures implemented by the civil authorities. The Club was very happy to have been able to restore this popular campout in 2021. Each year the directors and volunteers review the campout event for improvements to the Club's member experience.



Breakfast & Lunch Mealtimes. Kitchen is open with the ringing of the Clubhouse Bell.

ANNUAL MEMBER-CHILD CAMPOUT 2021



Happy Campers! Note the new swing set of 50 years was replaced this year just in time for the campout. Thanks to the Club and event volunteers. Plenty of firewood was conveniently placed for the campfires.



ANNUAL MEMBER-CHILD CAMPOUT & FISHING DERBY

Left – The original 1953 FISHING DERBY

A Classic Event - 68 years and going strong.

1953 SCSC Fishing Derby: Sportsman & founder Glen Young asks how big was that fish? Note the gasp by the youngster!

2021 CAMPOUT FISHING DERBY: THE SMILES SAY IT ALL!



ANNUAL MEMBER-CHILD CAMPOUT – A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.



Member-Child Campout turned out exactly as planned - fun, family, and life in the outdoors, as it should be.

ANNUAL MEMBER-CHILD CAMPOUT – Airgun Range



Not to be outshot, mom & son both shoot bullseyes!



A campout family affair on the air gun range: Petkevis campers Kara, Jake, Kaden & Ava.



MEMBER-CHILD CAMPOUT IN FLIGHT - HELICOPTER RIDES
An Aerial View of Our Beautiful Club
Many Thanks to our pilot – Dave Fetso



Campers were able to get an aerial view of their Club and the 300 acres of SCSC woodlands, wetlands, and game preserve. Helicopter rides were added several years ago as an elective event for the campout and has become not only exciting but also a very popular feature on Sunday mornings after breakfast. Petkevis family members take flight!

ANNUAL MEMBER-CHILD CAMPOUT

Campers On the Water – Canal Boat Rides



How fast do we have to go to make my face wrinkle and hair go straight?

SCSC's Member-Child Campout is a family affair.



The Petkevis family fully participated in the weekend's activities.



SCSC's MEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Volunteerism is the lifeblood of our Club

Stu Schermerhorn

Grounds, Tuesday Group, Volunteers

SCSC CAN USE YOUR HELP AND TALENTS: Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills and relieve stress from tedious activities of daily living. Volunteers provide a membership core of enthusiasm, energy, and creativity to the wide variety of tasks required to maintain the Club's infrastructure. Volunteers meet regularly on Tuesdays from 08:00 to Noon. Other volunteers assemble for Club urgencies such as water, wind and storm events in addition to scheduled work parties. There are opportunities for every member. To get started contact the SCSC Office who will put you in contact with a director in need of your volunteerism or come out on Tuesday mornings to get a sense of the great satisfaction of volunteering at your Club.

GROUNDS



In the campground, the swing set and see saws have been replaced with new. The work was completed prior to the Member-Child Campout.

BEEHIVE

We are excited to report we now have an active beehive on the property! Thank you to member **Clarence Gardiner**, beekeeper for his expertise and assistance in establishing this healthy, thriving beehive. This is something that ties into our club's roots and charter since the Clubs beginning. Conservation of the open spaces, wetlands, uplands and utilizing Club grounds as a game preserve. Honeybees are among the most numerous and efficient pollinator species in the world. Considering that the average honeybee can visit more than 2,000 flowers in one day, these bees greatly increase the chances of a plant producing a fruit or vegetable.

Honeybees don't only pollinate crops-- they also pollinate wild and native plants, thus contributing to all the environmental and societal benefits attributed to pollinators in general above. In this case bees are an essential part of the food chain as pollinators. As a game preserve, the Club will utilize the surrounding area of the hive by planting a deer forage mixture and overseeding with a pollinator mix of wildflowers for the bees.

Start-up work for the project was performed by Clarence Gardiner and volunteers John Spiewak, Tom DeSignore and myself. The group will also maintain the project in its early stages. Additional hives may be strategically located in the future! For questions or interest contact us. We will keep members updated of our progress.

Stu Schermerhorn



LAKE & BEACH NEWS

Mert Coles, President, Beach & Lake Director

LIFE IS BETTER ON THE LAKE

2021 Beach Season Opened Memorial Day and Ends Labor Day



No matter where you are in South Jersey, there are fishing opportunities close by. The Deepwater Canal meanders for miles in either direction from the Club's boat dock and ramp to Deepwater or east to the Courses Landing bridge. Whether you are looking for a place to fish close to home, or during a staycation, trying a new spot is an adventure in itself. Why not try the Club. The lake and the wetland pond waters are private, the canal is public waters. July and August are great months to target warmwater species, such as bass, perch, and pickerel, for an action-filled day. This is a great way to get the kiddos interested, introduce an adult to the sport, or a nice change of pace from everyday distractions, (a fisherman's secret). **If you catch a "Snakehead"** please sacrifice the fish and consider a fish fry. The fish is good eating but an invasive species that destroys other species.

LAKE NEWS AND RULES REMINDERS

- If you are bringing guests to the Lake or Grounds, you must let them in using your gate card. Please do not use the call box for your guests. You must remain on the property with your guests.
- During Lake (Summer) Season, you are required to stop for the Gate Checker whether or not you are coming to the Club for the Lake. The Gate Checker is an employee of the Club is allowed to ask for your membership card or state ID to confirm you have a valid membership.
- The Lake is open seven days a week from 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. The Snack Bar is open.
- Please remember the gate checkers may request to see your membership card or photo ID when arriving to use the Lake.
- Anyone under 14 years old must pass the swim test to swim outside the roped area on their own.
- If your child needs a personal flotation device, they may not be outside the roped area. Personal flotation devices must be US Coast Guard approved.
- No nets are permitted on the dock.
- No flips on the dock or from the dock into the water.
- No inflatable toys are permitted in the lake. Lifeguards cannot monitor around the inflatables.
- Must be at least 14 years old to use paddle boat without adult.
- Please do not argue with the Lifeguards, their top priority is water life safety. If a lifeguard needs to repeat their warning, you may be removed from the premises. **Failure to obey the Lifeguards instructions will result in removal from the beach and/or Club property.**
- Help us take care of our club. Use the dumpsters for large trash items, do not place them on top of trash cans or against the fence.
- If you **have more than 14 people in your party**, you must rent an available space. Please plan ahead. Call the office for more information.
- Enjoy all our club has to offer while being responsible and courteous.



CLUB RANGE NEWS
Ron Ayres, Director



Examples of the SCSC Range Committee's continuous improvement program to Club ranges. Range berm maintenance & improvements took place while the ranges were closed for the "Member - Child Campout."



Pistol & rifle firearm ranges berm improvements – a view from the firing lines.

Range Closures: The club's ranges were closed for the Parent - Child campout. Notwithstanding, the weekend allowed the range committee to perform maintenance on both the rifle and pistol ranges. The Club thanks shooters for their patience while this maintenance was being performed as we thank all our volunteers for their contributions. The Club is proud of the range committee's accomplishments.

RANGE NEWS, continued.

Skeet And Trap: Skeet and Trap are in full swing for the season and shooting both Wednesday at 5pm and Sun at 8:30am. Friday night trap is also open at 5pm for those who want to give it a try. All are welcome and the cost is only \$3/round for members and \$4/round for non-members. Come on out and meet some new friends and have some fun in the process.

NRA Basic Rifle Class: The club held a Basic Rifle class on June 26th. For those wishing to attend please future classes contact Ron Ayres (rmayres@verizon.net) This class is a prerequisite for those wanting to be Rifle instructors. The instructor's class will be held next month. Date to be announced later.

Approved Targets: Please remember the club rules on approved targets. No one is permitted to shoot anything other than paper. Those shooting unapproved targets such as cans, fruit, shotgun shells, clay targets will have their range badge suspended. We will be implanting a new target system I the next few weeks. Information regarding their use will be sent out as soon as they are ready.

Wednesday Trap: Doubles trap session were held after our normal singles on July 14th. Singles trap cost remain \$3 per round for members \$4 per round for non-members. **Doubles Trap** when held is \$6 per round for members and \$8 per round for non-members. Come out and try your skills or practice. **Skeet** is also up and running as well. Trap & Skeet shooting starts at 5pm and ends when everyone is done. Monitor you SCSC email for range updates.

Be Safe, Shoot Straight.

Wear your Range Badge

Ron Ayres, Range Director

2021 DIRECTORS*

***Contact any director through the office for volunteer Information.**

DIRECTORS	STATUS	ASSIGNMENTS	Call Club & Message
Thomas "Brad" Holmes	PRESIDENT	Caretakers, Water Testing, Flood Control Serves on all committee assignments	856-299-5588
John Laielli	VICE PRESIDENT	Scouts, NRA Events; (FNRA, NRA Day, Women on Target).	856-299-5588
Tom Dyer	TREASURER	Financials, Office	856-299-5588
Brian Kamens	SECRETARY	Communications, IT, Website, Swimming Lessons	856-299-5588
Ron Ayres	DIRECTOR	Ranges, NRA Instructors	856-299-5588
Kim Baker	DIRECTOR	Kitchen, Craft Nights, Happy Hour Events	856-299-5588
Mert Coles	DIRECTOR	Lake, Beach, Lady's Night Out Events	856-299-5588
John Dyer	DIRECTOR	Purchasing, Apparel, Halloween, Canadian Fishing Trip	856-299-5588
Al Giumetti	DIRECTOR	Key Master, Santa Holiday Party, Decorating/De-decorating	856-299-5588
Darryl Harmon	DIRECTOR	House, Rentals, AEDs, Fire and Inspections	856-299-5588
Bruce Mulford	DIRECTOR	Crab & Shrimp Night, Easter Sunrise Service, Forestry Committee, Long Range Planning Committee.	856-299-5588
Bill Ronn	DIRECTOR	Bar, Campground, Dock, Member-Child Camp-Outs.	856-299-5588
Stu Schermerhorn	DIRECTOR	Volunteers, Tuesday Crew, Grounds	856-299-5588
John Spiewak	DIRECTOR	Range Safety Orientations, Archery, Air-gun Range.	856-299-5588

ADVISORS: Roberts Epps, Al McVey, Dave Wright, Lyle Case, Brent Warner

ADVISORS EMERITUS: Lou Priest, Bill Cochran, William "Bill" Sparks

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Editor's / Historian Notes:

2021, Year of the Cicadas

What's all noise about?



Cicadas are large, cleared-winged insects that occur either annually or periodically. It's a mystery as to why periodical cicadas only emerge every 13 or 17 years, but it's been theorized that it's to avoid syncing up with predator cycles. The 17-year periodical cicadas are distributed across the eastern, upper midwestern, and Great Plains states within the U.S. Cicadas live underground as nymphs for most of their lives at depths down to about 2.5 m (8 ft). Nymphs have strong front legs for digging and excavating chambers in close proximity to roots where they feed on xylem sap. There are three different species of 17-year cicadas and each one has a distinct mating call. The sounds are sometimes reminiscent of chirps, rattles, or high-pitched screams, and when males gather in trees to form a chorus, the noise can exceed 100 decibels. That's about as loud as a car stereo playing at max volume.



Submissions to the Lake Hudson News

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT COPY. All submittals are subject to review and inclusion by the editor and the BOD. Send by email in care of editor to scscoffice@scsportsmensclub.org. Copy may be submitted in writing to the SCSC office.

The Lake Hudson News is the newsletter of Salem County Sportsmens Club named in recognition of Arthur "Moose" Hudson a founding member and first Club caretaker. The newsletter serves as a communication mechanism to members but also as a historical record to document the continual progress and improvement of the Club's mission and charter over its 74 years.



**SCSC 75TH Anniversary
1947 - 2022**