



Salem County Sportsmens Club

Our 76th Year, 1947 - 2023 SCSC is a family outdoor life & conservation organization. We welcome members who engage in the traditions and collegiality befitting of American sportsmen and sportswomen.

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**Tuesday Volunteers Meet
Every Week, 8am - noon**

**Club Membership Meetings
Second Wednesdays, 8pm**

President's Message

As I sit here writing this, I wonder why our members joined the Club. Was it to use the lake or the ranges, enjoy the bar or the dinners and special events? Was it perhaps to camp or just sit peacefully and soak in the beauty that surrounds us? Spring is in the air and with that comes many opportunities for you to enjoy your Club in whatever way you call it your second home.

As the annual dues season has come to a close, there is a whole new year ahead to promote your Club passions. I urge you to take a moment to reflect on what you enjoy most about the Club. Then, consider taking the next step - volunteer in that area. There are opportunities more than just Tuesday mornings.

Yes, on Tuesday mornings there is a work crew with an open spot waiting for you. However, you may not have that timeframe available and that's okay. There is always a spot for volunteers just about any time. What do you enjoy doing? Let any director know; we can help you help the Club in that area.

Volunteering is more than just working on a project. It builds comradery with others that share your passions. Small groups build lasting friendships. If you like to garden, you can get together with others and enjoy time together beautifying the grounds. If you prefer painting, how fun it would be to paint the picnic tables with others doing the same project. Either of these (and many others) can be accomplished on your timetable - perhaps a weekend afternoon.

The Club recently celebrated our volunteers with a dinner that was not only delicious, but also provided downtime to gather with friends new and old. It was a time to reflect on accomplishments and plan ahead.

I urge each of you to consider why you joined the Club and volunteer in that area.

Happy Spring everyone!

Brad Holmes
Club President

Range News

Instructional Classes

We will be having a Basic Pistol class on April 22. Those wishing to obtain carry permits can qualify when class is over. Cost for the class is \$100. Cost for qualifying is \$50. Those interested in becoming Certified Pistol instructors need to take this class first. Please keep watch for future classes including Rifle, Shotgun and RSO in the near future.

Skeet & Trap

The new seasons for both skeet and trap have already begun. Those wanting to try skeet can come out on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Trap is Wednesday and Friday evenings. The cost for each round is still \$3.00 for members and \$4.00 for non-members. Come out and have some fun shooting or just listen to all the stories. It's always a good time.

Archery

SCSC has newly renovated archery ranges. Thanks to our volunteer system and our new SCSC archery director Sam Pierman. Please come out and enjoy the new targets. Sam is forming an archery shooting program. You can read more on this on the Archery page of this newsletter.

Rifle & Pistol

All members using the ranges must have taken a range badge class prior to using the ranges. Your range badge must be on you when using the ranges. The rifle and pistol ranges are open 7 days a week for your enjoyment with one exception - they are closed Tuesdays until 3pm for maintenance.

As a reminder there is absolutely no shotgun use allowed on the pistol range for any reason. All targets must be paper on both rifle and pistol ranges. Please keep all firearms cased until you are on the firing line. Do not walk from your vehicle with an uncased firearm. No handling firearms when the yellow lights are on. All brass cases must be placed in the buckets when finished shooting. Be courteous to your fellow members and leave the ranges as clean or cleaner than you found them when you leave. Please report any and all rule violators to the range director or the club caretakers. Don't lose your range privileges by violating the range rules.

Thank you and let's all have a fun, safe shooting season.
Any questions, email me at: rmayres@verizon.net

Ron Ayres
Director - Ranges

Archery League

I am happy to share this news with Club members and non-members alike – an archery league is being formed! It is designed to help you become a better archery hunter while spending quality time with family and friends. Club members and non-members are all welcome.

We will shoot the last Saturday of each month April through September, 9am - noon and every Thursday May through August, 5 - 7pm. There will be approximately 24 shoots; you must make at least 10 shoots to qualify for any awards. It will be half of a National Field Archery Association (NFAA) outdoor animal round, which consists of 14 targets with four arrows shot at each target, all at marked distances.

Also being formed is a cub and youth division for children with more information on this forthcoming.

We are excited about the formation of this archery league, and I hope to see many of you on April 29 at the first shoot!

Sam Pierman
Director - Archery

Kitchen News

There is more to the kitchen than just having fun cooking with other members. Meals need to be planned, the food purchased and then cooked, served and the kitchen cleaned afterwards. We are always looking for new volunteers in the kitchen. Would you consider helping out any way you are able?

Perhaps you wonder about the regularly scheduled dinners. The first and third Fridays of each month Club members gather around the table for a scrumptious meal. Okay, not really gather around one table, we set tables up all around the clubhouse room. Others prefer to sit out at the bar to eat. Either way, it is time for your family and friends to relax and share a meal. Single? That's okay too as there is always room at a table for you to meet other members and make new friends. Here's how the dinners work:

First Friday "Happy Hour" has the main entree provided by the kitchen crew. Those attending bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert that is placed on the main table and shared by all. These donations are "potluck" style. The cost is a nominal \$7 per person - that's right! A great meal for \$7 and a donated dish. Try to find that in any diner or restaurant. Then we add a little fun by having a 50 / 50. Appetizers begin at 6:30 and the main meal at 7pm.

Third Friday "Ladies Night Out" is a chance to give your home chef a night off. The kitchen crew on these nights prepares the entire meal. Desserts are always welcome (if you wish to bring one) and, again, the cost is \$7 per person with a 50 / 50 for some added fun. The meal begins at 6pm.

Do you love to cook? Would you like to volunteer any of these nights preparing the meal or cleaning the kitchen? Or, would you like to be the head chef for any of these meals and prepare an entree or meal of your choosing? If so, let me know: hmsghs89@gmail.com .

I look forward to seeing you at any of these monthly dinners!

George Schaub, III
Director - Kitchen

Volunteering is the Lifeblood of Your Club

It is the volunteers that keep the Club running. From the directors, the Tuesday work crews, events coordinators, those behind the scenes, etc. it takes many hours to keep your Club running. Below are some highlights of recent activities.



This picture is a great horned owl nesting platform constructed and installed by member Clarence Gardiner, who is also our beekeeper. The nest is located in the woods alongside, and visible from, Boardman's Lane for observation purposes.

Other volunteers (the Tuesday Crew) are finishing cutting, splitting, and stocking firewood for the camping season. The campground is open year round, however, bathrooms and water are not on until April 15 and close October 31. The octagon bathhouse remains open all year with heat and hot water showers.



We began campground and beach cleanup early March. Pictured here is the beach with sand delivery and then regrading results. Reinstalling lake floats and the fountain will follow as weather permits. Swim boundary ropes and floats have been renewed.

Contractor tree work also started mid-March. All our lawn maintenance and tractors have been serviced; lawn work will start early April. We have a great crew of Tuesday volunteers - they're invaluable. We can always use a few more volunteers, especially those skilled in the trades – all are welcome. Come out and make a difference!

Volunteering beyond Tuesdays, several members revamped the Captain's Lounge (the room off the bar). Thanks to their creativity, members can now sit in the lounge with a full view of the lake, bar and all televisions. Check out these after pictures:



Also volunteers, we welcome the newly voted directors - Your Club directors utilize their time and talents making sure they are good stewards of Club funds and resources. They plan everything you benefit from at the Club - maintenance, events, forest and wildlife preservation, etc etc. Each year members vote for candidates who voice their desire to be a director. This year's voting results are in. Here are your new Club directors: Stu Shermerhorn - re-elected, Bruce Mulford - re-elected, Sam Pierman, George Schaub III and Douglas Craft.

Thank you everyone for coming out to vote. We wish each of these directors success as they join the others who are mid-term.

Volunteers' Annual Appreciation Dinner

The annual volunteer appreciation dinner, March 11, was over-the-top wonderful. We shared a delicious meal catered by DiPaulo's Restaurant, chatted with friends and met some Club members we didn't already know. The presentations were especially surprising and delightful.



The above two images show the room filled with Club volunteers and their guests. The image to the left shows the appetizers table. Along with the appetizers were three main entrees, sides and desserts.



Our Club president, Brad Holmes, presented Lyle Case with the cherished Moncrief Award for his decades of tireless, steady work as a volunteer. The award is named after George Moncrief, who was never a Club member from what

records show, but he volunteered his time and talents for a number of years.

The picture on the right includes Lyle's grandson, Josh. Josh has grown up with the Club, and we look forward to his continued dedication along with his grandfather.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (cont.)



Another presentation for the evening was given by Bill Ronn, Club vice president, to the wife of our president, Pam Holmes. Brad may spend many many days (most days) at the Club, but Pam certainly does her part supporting Brad's endeavors. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet that needs no watering. Those of us in attendance thought her special flowers were creative and beautifully done.

As you can see from the pictures, volunteers not only enjoy the camaraderie gained by working together throughout the year, but also enjoy "time off" with an annual dinner to socialize and catch up on projects completed, pending and future.

There are many ways you can volunteer your time and talents. What are your passions? Maintenance, wildlife or forest management, cooking, event planning, office or IT expertise, etc? There's space for you – volunteering is the lifeblood of Your Club.

Stu Shermerhorn
Director - Volunteers

Office and Bar News

Contact the office for any of the following:

- ★ To pay your (now late) annual dues. Dues season officially closed the end of March to avoid late fees and / or penalties.
- ★ For Club rentals Al Wood is the House chair and can help with information on rentals.
 - Members should contact the office via phone 856.299.5588 or email office@scsportsmensclub.org to initiate an indoor or outdoor Club rental.
 - Chrissy or Kathy can provide you information on cost, date availability, and other logistics.

Club Office Hours

Monday - 10:00am - 2:00pm

Tuesday - 10:00am - 2:00pm

Wednesday - 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday - 10:00am - 2:00pm

Friday - 10:00am - 2:00pm

Bar Hours

Wednesday - 5:00pm - 10:00pm

Friday - 5:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturday - 1:00pm - 8:00pm

Sunday - 1:00pm - 8:00pm

If arriving two hours before closing time, please call ahead to the Bar (856-514-2257).

Parting Shots

This newsletter closes with a blast from the past. If you enjoy any of the fun Club-sponsored events, you can imagine there's quite a bit of effort behind the scenes from - you guessed it - volunteers. It takes many hands to lighten the load as the saying goes and events are no exception.

As a child I fondly remember one particular chicken barbeque at the Club. My mouth still waters when I recall the huge portion of chicken (my age at the time probably anything beyond a leg was huge) and corn on the cob floating in buttery tins. Just ever so delicious!

This memory got me searching for anything about dinners from when my dad, John Keeler (past president), was director - kitchen. I found newspaper clippings of the above event. The Penns Grove Rotary held this dinner at the Sportsmen's Club in the campground area on July 14, 1973.

I hope you enjoy these pictures as much as I did when I found them. I see my mom, Bea Keeler, and I also remember Olive Bakon. Joe Springer's wife is Dot and Sid Simkins wife is Maggie. Do you see anyone you know?

Until next month - stay safe!

- Roberta Berger

Assistant to the Editor



7/14/73 Photo by B. J. Frey
Preparations for the Penns Grove Rotary chicken barbecue got underway on Friday evening. Work crews included Rotarians (L-R) David Smith, Arthur Martelli, John Leonard, Ned Railing is seen passing a box to Donald Masten.



7/14/73 Photo by B. J. Frey
Someone has to do the work! The Penns Grove Rotary enjoyed their annual chicken barbecue last Saturday at the Salem County Sportsmen's Club in Upper Penns Neck, and these four ladies had a lot to do with the success of the event. They are (L-R) Mrs. Peter Bakon, Mrs. John Keeler, Mrs. Joseph Springer, and Mrs. Sidney Simkins.



7/14/73 Photo by B. J. Frey
Among the many hundreds attending the Penns Grove Rotary chicken barbecue held at the Sportsmen's Club were (L-R) Mrs. Richard Smith, Mrs. Joseph Hall, Richard Smith, and Lt. Col. Joseph Hall, Ret., going through the serving line.



7/14/73 Photo by B. J. Frey
Even the young people were enjoying themselves at the annual Penns Grove Rotary chicken barbecue held Saturday, July 14th, at the Sportsmen's Club.