



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.

Lake Hudson News June/ Early Summer Edition 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Brad Holmes



Greetings members! This decades old photo to most of us represents the beauty and relaxing sanctuary of the Salem County Sportsmen's Club. A place to enjoy the outdoors and all the activities that the outdoor life brings – only miles from your home. Turning the corner to this view suddenly relaxes the muscles, daily tensions, physical and mental stresses of the day. Whether it's a walk or jog in the woods, walking the dog, taking a swim, fishing, sitting by a campfire, sharpening your range skills, taking a boat ride, or having a conversation over a drink. The club is a place to relax, enjoy, raise your families, and participate in the

activities that caused you, the member to join the Club on 300 acres of open space, woodlands, and wetlands. SO, when passing through the gate, turn the corner, see this scenic view, take a deep breath, say “Ahhh”, slow up, smile, and take a break from the stressors of the day. I do.

Salem County is (rapidly) changing and building out. Open spaces are disappearing. Warehousing, commerce, overbuilding our roadways with resulting traffic congestion is upon us. The benefits create jobs and hopefully a robust local economy. Organizations like our Club will be a more necessary place enjoy open spaces and by choice or chance the Club is responding to the changing dynamics of Salem County while maintaining the character that members enjoy as a private club that also serves the community.

The Tuesday volunteers are busy preparing the Lake Hudson beach and grounds for our annual Memorial Day swim season, Member - Child campout, picnicking, boating on the canal, lake, and outdoor gatherings at the Club.

Member rentals at the Club remain very cost competitive for weddings, memorial services, birthdays, anniversaries, and other celebrations of life. Members should consider using the Club for their events. Hint: Do reserve the date for your events early through the office.

Concerns from the Board of Directors

Your new officers and directors were elected at the end of March. Each director has begun to enjoy working on behalf of the members within their assignments at our increasingly busy Club. Unfortunately, the Board is occasionally required to respond to bad conduct on the property and take disciplinary action involving members or guests. These behaviors most often create an incident report that is submitted to the directors for actionable discipline matters. Violation of Club rules, policies, or behavior “unbecoming of sportsmen and sportswomen” involve a very small fraction of the membership or their guests, but nevertheless are taken very seriously by the Board.

Members are encouraged to supervise their guests and families on codes of conduct at the Club. The Board appreciates members attention and respect for Club's rules and good courteous, non-disruptive conduct while on Club property.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued - Brad Holmes

Marijuana and illicit drugs in any form are strictly prohibited on SCSC property.



Another recent Board of Directors action was to ban illegal substances including Marijuana on the Club property, no exceptions. *Marijuana and illicit drugs in any form are strictly prohibited on SCSC property. If there are any questions on this policy, members are invited to attend a membership meeting to address and better understand the policy's rationale.*

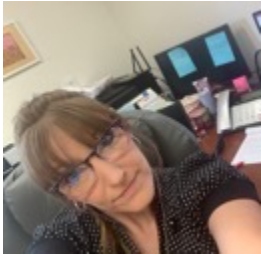
All the Club's rules and policies are easily followed and posted to sustain a pleasant, enjoyable, and safe experience for members and their guests. The Board of Directors and the Club volunteers labor to create a pleasant, enjoyable, friendly, and congenial Club at all times and look forward to serving the membership for the best possible club experience now and in the future. Except in rare circumstances, I believe we have succeeded over the Club's history. Enjoy your Club.

Brad

CLUB RENTALS INFORMATION

Al Wood, House chairman

- Members should contact **Chrissy Jones, office secretary**, 856-299-5588 or email office@scsportsmensclub.org to initiate an indoor or outdoor Club rental, and for information on cost, date availability, and other questions.
- Members are encouraged to book their events well in advance, particularly between the popular months of May to September.
- As a reminder, member indoor and outdoor affairs exceeding 15 persons must be scheduled through the office.
- Members are required to be always present at their rental event and are responsible for the actions of their attendees and guests.



SCSC OFFICE UPDATES

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



2022 Regular/Active Member Dues: \$248.40. 2022 Retiree Member Dues: \$134.55.

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Office Ph: (856) 299-5588. **Office E-mail:** office@scsportsmensclub.org **Webpage:** www.scsportsmensclub.org/

SCSC Locator for 9-1-1 & Map Directions: 273 Wiley Road, U.S Rt 40, Carneys Point, New Jersey. 08069

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



The Lake Opened Memorial Day Weekend!

Please remember the Gate Checkers may request to see your membership card or photo ID/driver's license when arriving at the Club. We have many members coming to use the lake. Additionally, we have member guests attending various events and rentals. Please be courteous to our lake staff as they are ensuring people coming to the Club are either members or guests of members.

Guests & Fees: Guests are non-immediate family remembers. Family members must register in your online account profile. Members who are grandparents can bring their grandchildren, but the grandchildren need to be registered with your membership. Weekday Guest Fee is \$4, and Weekend Guest Fee is \$6.

LAKE SNACK BAR NEWS

Marisa Coles

Welcome back to another lake season! If you're working up an appetite at the lake, the Snack Bar schedule is weekends only until June 24 and then full time.

There will be a limited menu until the full opening. Stop by for a taco, pretzel, sweet treats, or non-alcoholic beverages. The snack bar may close early or not open during inclement weather.

2023 DIRECTORS ASSIGNMENTS

TO CONTACT A DIRECTOR, CALL THE OFFICE OR LEAVE A MESSAGE, 856-299-5588

2023-2024	Assignment	Name	Co- Chair
Directors / Officers			
Brad Holmes, Pres	Caretakers, Water Test, Flood Control, Kids X-mas	Brad Holmes, Pres	Everything
Dave Cesarano, VP	NRA Events, Y.O.D, Caretakers, FNRA	Dave Cesarano, VP	IT- Web
Bill Ronn, Sec	Sec, Emails	Bill Ronn	Bar, Kitchen, Campout
Tom Dyer, Treas	Financial , Office	Tom Dyer, Treas	Bar, Co-Kids Campout
Brian Kamens	Lake, WA Website	Brian Kamens	Office, Email
Al Wood III	House, Rentals, Co- NRA Day, AEDs	Al Wood III	Ranges, Scouts
Joe Lubrano	Bar	Joe Lubrano	Kitchen
Ron Ayres	Ranges, NRA Instructors, Scouts, Women's Shoots	Ron Ayres	Co-Range safety
John Dyer	Purchasing & Apparel, Fundraising	John Dyer	Co-Turkey Shoots
Doug Craft	NRA Day, Turkey Shoots	Doug Craft	Co- Women's Shoots
Bruce Mulford	Forestry, LRP Committee, CMP, Crab & Shrimp, Easter Sunrise	Bruce Mulford	Back up Boat Ramp
Stu Schermerhorn	Grounds, Tuesday Crew, Lake Maintance	Stu Schermerhorn	Co-Range Safety, Campground
George Schaub	Kitchen, Happy Hr, Parent Child Campout	George Schaub	Tuesday Crew
Sam Pierman	Archery	Sam Pierman	NRA Instructor
Advisors		Advisors	
Lyle Case		Lyle Case	
George Vinyard		George Vinyard	
Al Mc Vey		Al Mc Vey	
Brent Warner		Brent Warner	
Dave Wright		Dave Wright	
Advisor Emeritus		Advisor Emeritus	
Bill Cochran		Bill Cochran	
Lou Priest		Lou Priest	
Bill Sparks		Bill Sparks	
CARETAKERS:	Tom DelSignore & Mert Coles		Property - Security
Communications	Roberta Berger, Bill Ronn, Ev Sparks	Officers / Directors/Members	Communications contributors
Historian – Newsletter Editor	Everett “Ev” Sparks or “Sparky”		
ROBERTA BERGER	Club communications, Web, Newsletter Co-Editor, & Easter Sunrise Services		

LAKE - A Few Reminders for Safety

Brian Kamens, Lake Director



The 2023 Club swim season will start May 27, Memorial Day Weekend. The weekend commences the busiest quarter of the year for Club activities. The lake and canal have been a great recreational venue and a source of enjoyment for members over the decades. Use of all the Club's recreational resources also require safety provisions to ensure members safely enjoy the Club.

The Club asks members to supervise their children and guests closely while using all Club facilities and its venues whether it be camping, picnicking, range sports, hiking, fishing, boating, archery, campfires, and other activities. Club caretakers are available for any questions on safely using the Club's facilities.

For water sports members are asked to always practice safety behaviors. Designate a responsible adult to supervise closely and constantly when children are in or near water. You can assign a specific adult to supervise each child when they have access to water. Adults watching kids in or near water should avoid distracting activities like reading, using the phone, and consuming alcohol or drugs. Be alert, drowning can happen quickly and quietly. Members are asked to always monitor their guests and their children's safety as well. Adult members should supervise children and their guests closely even when lifeguards are present.

As a reminder the Club lifeguards are provided for members' life safety. Follow lifeguard safety decisions and instructions. Lake rules are posted, and the Club asks members review and follow them.

LAKE NEWS AND RULES

Please remember the Gate Checkers may request to see your membership card or photo ID/driver's license when arriving at the Club. You can view your membership card and **print it by going here**. We have many members coming to use the lake and additionally we have guests coming for various events/rentals. Please be courteous to our lake staff as they are ensuring people coming to the Club are either members or guests of members.

- * Anyone under 14 years old must pass the swim test to swim outside the roped area.
- * 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 a paddle boat without an adult.
- * Please do not argue with the Lifeguards, their top priority is 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 15 people in your party, you must rent an available space. Please plan. Call the office for more information. Enjoy all our club has to offer while being responsible and courteous.

WELCOME TO THE BAR & CAPTAIN'S LOUNGE

Joe Lubrano, Bar Chairman



Greetings members. As your new bar chairman, I am delighted along with our bartenders to invite you out as patrons of the Club's bar and Captains Lounge. Below are some of the features and improvements to the bar area that will enable members to entertain, enjoy their favorite beverages, grab a bite to eat and to relax.



New tables, high tops, for comfortable seating of groups has been added with a "view"! A new hotdog machine for snacks. The bar stools are still comfortably seating patrons. Our new "INNOVECO Glass Chiller will keep your beverages and you cool this summer!



The Captain's Lounge now has high tops and tables for gatherings with of course a view of our beautiful Lake!

Bar Hours*

Wednesday - 5:00pm - 10:00pm

Thursday - 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).

Editor's Note: *The SCSC's bar selection has come a long way over the decades. In the 50's and 60's it was mostly a shot & a beer bar. Over the years and today the Club is proud to serve craft beers on tap, wines, specialty cocktails and reasonably priced "top shelf" beverages. By the way, "a shot and beer" is still available and don't forget a coffee with a shot of Jamison's and Bailey's!*



Tuesday Volunteer's Report

Stu Schermerhorn

VOLUNTEERISM is the lifeblood of our Club.

Enjoy the Club, your Club! The volunteers are busy maintaining the Club's property and preparing for the upcoming summer season for members. Come join the Tuesday volunteers. Help is needed Tuesdays, 8 AM to 12 PM. Breaks and Lunch provided. It's simple, just show up Tuesdays. Bring your work clothes. Skills welcomed, but no experience necessary. We provide volunteers with on-site training. Our volunteers request members to "be kind" when using the property and facilities. Dispose of your trash and recyclables in the appropriate containers. Kindly use only toilet paper in the toilets, other items clog the toilets and create unsanitary problems. Always supervise your children on how to properly use and enjoy the club. Report any areas that require repair or maintenance to the caretakers or lake staff. Above all be safe.



There has been lots of activity at the club by volunteers. Thank-you **Bruce and Kathy Lindle** for trimming the clubhouse entrance hedges - they do them 3 to 4 times per season. A **Great Horned Owl** nesting platform was built and installed by member **Clarence Gardiner**. Clarence is also our beekeeper. A fourth beehive was added to our apiary. Bees are thriving at our location! Thank-you to **Clarence and Donna Gardiner** for all their dedication. Our tree contractor removed 24 trees and with stump grinding at varied across the property, mostly in the grove / campground area. Stump grinding costs were donated as a member give back to the club.



On June 5 mowing with bailing the field crop to follow at our large field as part of our forestry Stewardship Program. Fall field cutting is scheduled. Kudos and thank-you to all the following volunteers: **Brandie Parks & family** for planting Easter flowers and mulching on the lake, clubhouse, entrance gate, scout, and grove beds! **Delsea Shaffer and Dianne Valentine** for interior and exterior painting of the campground bathrooms. **George Schaub** for securing and installing new toilets, a much needed upgrade of our sanitary facilities, see last page on Latrines; **Tom and Kathy DelSignore** for pressure-washing the exterior of bathrooms to prep for painting, and both pavilions and tables in the campground Grove! Thank-you to ALL volunteers for always moving our Club forward!

Stu



CLUB RANGE NEWS

Ron Ayres, Range Director

Thank-you to our members for your safe conduct on the ranges and strictly adhering to our range rules. The posted range rules are necessary and are to be followed without exception. If you are not badged or have questions, do not shoot on SCSC ranges until you have your questions answered by a range officer, a badged knowledgeable shooter, the SCSC caretaker, Tom Del-Signore, 609-420-2524 or myself, at rmayres@verizon.net. The ranges have been busy this Fall as usual. Be safe, be courteous, and enjoy your time on the ranges.



SCSC will be hosting another Women-On-Target shoot on July 15th. This is for women 18 and older only. Whether you're a beginner wanting to shoot for the first time or just someone wanting to shoot with your friends. This is a great way to get introduced to the shooting sports and have fun at the same time. We have several certified instructors available to help you along the way for all those wanting to shoot a Rifle, Pistol and/or Shotgun. Everyone will receive lunch and a tee-shirt along with ear and eye protection. **SEE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER.**



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nra-women-on-target-tickets-636684730167>

Deadline for sign-ups is July 1, 2023. Or contact Ron Ayres at scsc.ranges@gmail.com

Range Badges

Anyone seeking a Range Badge need have their name on the waiting list. We will get a class scheduled as soon as possible. If your name has been on the list prior to our last class or you haven't attended any of the previous classes, you will need to do it again. Range Badges are REQUIRED to use the ranges. Remember to always have your badge with you and displayed where someone can always see it while using the ranges. Contact the office to get on the waiting list.

Instructional Classes

Anyone looking to attend an upcoming Basic Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun or RSO class needs to contact **Ron Ayres** rmayres@verizon.net to get their name on the list. The Basic Pistol classes can be used to obtain your NJ carry permits as well as going on to be certified instructors. Class will be scheduled on an as needed basis.

Trap and Skeet: 2023

Trap has resumed for Spring, Summer, and Fall. Skeet is shooting is on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

ARCHERY Program

SCSC Archery in 2022 – 2023 is making a comeback in a big way at the Club. Archery director Sam Pierman appointed last year and elected to office in March 2023 has significantly improved the archery experience for members by upgrading the ranges and also by organizing scheduled, friendly competitive events to the Club's archery program. Thanks-you you Sam and the archery committee for your passion and taking SCSC's archery program to another level for archers.

3D Archery Shoot – May 18 & May 20, 2023

Salem County Sportsmen Club 3D Archery Shoot was held on May 18th and 20th. The course consisted of 14 targets, four (4) arrows at each target for a total of 56 shots. The SCSC course was half of an official NFAA course. Scoring and rules were explained at the start time. Archers participate with their own equipment. It was a friendly, family atmosphere. Come on out to the next archery shoot, watch your emails for dates and times.

Come on out and try our new walk-through archery course.



ARCHERY MEMBERS: For questions or to volunteer contact Sam Pierman at 856-745-7870.



Parting Notes

By Ev Sparks

SCSC Newsletter Editor & Historian



Tom James

VOLUNTEERS DISCOVER ORIGINAL GROVE LATRINE - OUT-HOUSE

Submitted by Tom & Ron James

The history and importance of latrines, outhouses and outdoor toilet over the decades have been an important, necessary, unrecognized, unappreciated, and on-going endeavor steadfastly undertaken by Club volunteers. From construction to maintenance, the volunteers reliably sustain these facilities. ONE of the earliest projects was undertaken by Harry “Limie” James and Earle Landis. Both men were early or founding members of the Club and credited with constructing the first Club Latrine in the Picnic / Camping Grove. This Spring sons of Harry James, **Ron & Tom James**, searched and found the original Latrine location and latrine foundation. They fondly remembered using the *two-holer* latrine during the *Father & Sons Camp-Outs* in the 1950s. At the time partakers of the latrine facilities had to occasionally share the Latrine with snakes and spiders. The Club thanks Ron and Tom James for searching their childhood memory and finding the original foundation of the original Grove 2-hole pit toilet! Unfortunately, our Club archeologists did not find any remnants of the popular latrine reading materials, which at the time was the **Sears Catalog**. With the help from a few Tuesday

volunteers crew members (**Gary Waddington, Gary Trotter, and Lyle Casey**) the site was cleared, a Lilac flower planted, and a site marker placed on the historical site. Because of the lilac’s fragrance we believe the flower was utilized to scent the latrine and called “*out-house flowers*”? A bucket and scoop of lime was also part of a user’s final latrine routine. The Grove is now the **Charles D. Sparks Picnic Grove**. Charlie would be absolutely delighted to share the picnic grove honors with Harry and Earle in memorizing latrine history in the Picnic Grove! Thank-you, **Tom and Ron James, Gary Waddington, Gary Trotter, and Lyle Casey**, for uncovering an important Club landmark!

MEMORIAL DAY OPENING, GREAT WEATHER AND A GREAT OPENING WEEKEND*



Caretakers Tom DelSignore and Mert Coles report a banner weekend opening at the beach. While the beach and lake swimmers were “cool” weather dependent, the Campers packed the Charles D Sparks Grove on the weekend!

Thank-you to the Tuesday volunteers for making the Club ready for the busy summer season, cleaning up the Grove, stacking firewood for campfires, maintaining the rest restrooms, managing the trash, mowing the grass and all the maintenance during the year! See latrine history below.

*Photos compliments of Tom DelSignore. Members are encouraged to submit photos in care of office@scsportsmensclub.org.



Submissions to the Lake Hudson News

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 Sportsmen’s Club named in recognition of Arthur “Moose” Hudson a founding member and first Club caretaker. The newsletter serves as a communication mechanism to members and a historical record to document the progress and the Club’s mission and charter over its 76 years, 1947 – 2023.

SCSC Communications Notice:

The club e-mails and official website are the only online source of official club information.

The Salem County Sportsmen’s Club does not own, operate, or otherwise manage any social media accounts (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.). Club members that rely on any such social media account for club activities, or any other reason, do so at their own risk.