



THE OCTORARO LOOP

The Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association (HSRAA) News
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The purpose and mission of the Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association

"To preserve and promote the spirit and heritage of Horseshoe Scout Reservation and its camps (Camp Horseshoe and Camp John H. Ware, III), to be a benefactor to the Reservation and to promote the brotherhood of Scouting among the alumni of the Reservation."

WELCOME TO HSRAA 6TH REUNION

The Sixth Annual Reunion of the Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association is "on" at the Goodman Pavilion at Camp Horseshoe. This fun affair brings together campers and staff members of Camp Horseshoe and Camp John H. Ware 3rd from the past year earlier generations. On a number of occasions, there are those from every decade who come back to re-connect with their camp and fellow members. The Reunion begins at 2 PM and goes to 8 PM.

George Tzanakis and Chris Minshall are the Reunion leaders and have promised a great time for all. Special HSRAA reunion T-Shirts are available. There will be song and a great barbecue for attendees – also, opportunities to tour both Horseshoe and Ware camps, trade patches, view memorabilia of the "olden" days, videos, slides, etc. and have fun!

**YES... HERE...NOW! FROM
(AROUND) PHILLY! ...NOT FROM
LIVE 8...BUT...FOR... PURE FUN!!**

Re-introducing at the 2005 Reunion of HSRAA...nearly their 40th anniversary of conception....the one....the only....the best....THE SUMP PUMPS!!!

They entertained the roadies and the toadies at Horseshoe of earlier decades...now...they are here...reuniting campers as of old...fantastic rhythm...beat...vocals galore...by special

**THE SUMP PUMPS
LIL FREEZES OVER TOUR**

**SPECIAL SHOWING!!!
SATURDAY, JULY 16TH
ONE NIGHT ONLY!
AT CAMP HORSESHOE!**

Opening Act: The Jim Matthews Band

Local Concert Venues
Thursday and Friday, July 14th and 15th Oxford Coliseum
Monday and Tuesday, July 18th and 19th Blasing Sun Arena

invitation...introducing...your SUMP PUMPS!!

The Sump Pumps (Revisionist) History by former Staffer Bill Grubb

Because of a quick deadline, I'll provide my explanation of the Sump Pumps history without the bothersome influence of accuracy or facts. The band started in 1966 (unless it was another year) by a few camp staffers and was originally a garage type rock band. However there were two problems with that concept: carrying the instruments, mainly the full drum set, to campfires was a drag and the instruments required talent to play. Moving to a jug

band format solved both of those problems. Now the instruments, except the critical guitar, were things like washboards, jews harps, kazoos, spoons, saw, slide whistles, tub bass and jugs. Not nearly as musical but much easier to carry and play.

Remember that back then there was no PlayStation and Game Boy! So campfire entertainment was very important. There were normally two campfires a week (excluding the Saturday ceremonial campfire) and the Sump Pumps played at almost all of them. Mountain Dew, Dirty Lil, She's Got Freckles and Take Your Fingers Off It were regular titles. Sung with enthusiasm if not pitch and tune. The stage act was at least half of the performance. Usually we sang a few songs with a skit or some physical comedy between the songs. We've re-assembled the motley crew for this year's reunion and should have a full report after that. It may be geezer sump pumps now but my guess is there will still be plenty of enthusiasm.

Many names come to old-timers' minds of the Sump Pumps of yore. Bob Behrle, John Kemmerer, Jim Goudie (with Rusty Morgan), Bill Grubb, Fred Page, John Souder, Dave Cline, Chuck Cline Yogi Moyer. Jim Matthews...and others. All a part of the HSRAA history...to delight and entertain.



2000 First Reunion with Fred Gates, Herb Warner, Link Rice

HSRAA PROJECTS PHOTO REVIEW

This is a photo retrospective of the projects completed by the HSRAA for both Camp Horseshoe and Camp John H. Ware 3rd thanks to the generous dues donations by its members.

Congratulations all who helped!



Camp Horseshoe Gateway stands tall



Welcoming Camp Ware gateway greets Cubs and Boy Scouts



Troop flags grace Horseshoe Parade Ground Wall



New Wall and walkway to the Horseshoe Trading Post

HSRAA CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear HSRAA Alumni -

Welcome to the Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association's Sixth Annual Reunion!

It is hard to believe that this organization is already six years old, has accomplished so much, and has so much more to do! We have very high hopes for this reunion—including live entertainment provided by a return of a long-time camp classic—The Sump Pumps. Kudos to Bill Grubb for single-handedly organizing their return.

We have just completed the second phase of the Parade Field project, and we are hopeful that construction on the final Phase will begin this Autumn. Our 2005 membership drive, which started in May, has been a resounding success.

Our continuing issues with maintaining and updating the content of our website appear to be resolving, and we look forward to an update, including back issues of the Loop, within the next few months and the long anticipated launch of the Virtual Museum.

And thanks to Chris Minshall and especially George Tzankis for organizing the reunion, including agreeing to serve tonight's feast to allow our usual caterers to attend a last-minute, family benefit. .

Yours in the Spirit, Chairman,
Mark Hammond '79

BELONGING TO HSRAA

New members for HSRAA are being sought. Membership is open for any Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing Scout, youth or adult, who has spent one or more nights camping in Camp Horseshoe, Camp Jubilee or Camp John H. Ware 3rd at any time, summer or winter.

Membership fees are set at different levels, shown on the HSRAA website – www.hsraa.org.



Ernie and the "Dust of Horseshoe" at "60"

Ernie Says...SIXTY YEARS?

Your editor is taking the liberty of writing Ernie's column for the July issue because Ernie Heegard is now at Camp Horseshoe with his Troop 78, Willistown. In fact, my visit to Camp the week prior to this issue's release found Ernie doing what he most enjoys now...introducing "his" camp to new Scouts and visitors. Happy as a lark!

Horseshoe is where he has been at this time of the year for the last 60 years. The "dust" of Horseshoe is puffing out of his moccasins as he still briskly treads the trails in camp as he has for hundreds and hundreds of times.

It all started in 1945 when he was a fledgling Scout with his troop. It was then on to the Staff in the kitchen the following year; and, over the next 43 years Ernie would hold almost every conceivable job in camp, finally serving as Camp Director for 29 of these years. His name and fame was synonymous with the Horseshoe Scout Reservation.

Not only has Ernie held nearly every job in camp, but he was able to practically do every and any job presented. He knows all the songs to sing in the Allen Memorial dining hall or for that matter, also in Camp Ware's. Suffice to say, he can probably walk about camp in the dark without tripping over a root or rock or hitting a tree.

Ernie is very modest about his awards

and achievements. His uniform patches bely the fact that he has been highly recognized for his Scouting achievements and service. He is an Eagle Scout; Vigil Honor member of Lodge 22 where he was the first boy Lodge Chief; a Silver Beaver recipient; and a devoted husband to his wife of 21 years, Betsy. A jack-of-all-trades, he built his present home in Cape May Point, NJ. He has made the difference in the lives of countless number of young people and been an inspiration to Scout leaders in Chester County and throughout the area.

Horseshoe is a interagal part of his life. He and Betsy were married 21 years ago, at Camp Horseshoe's Chapel.

We thank Ernie for all his effort in making Camp Horseshoe and the Reservation what it is today. All our best wishes for Ernie and our congratulations for his 60 years of leadership in service!

COMING FALL COUNCIL EVENTS

Two major Council events are shaping up for the fall – the 5K Run/Walk and the "Evening Under the Stars" Gala and Auction.

5K RUN/WALK

October 2 is the date of the Council's second annual 5K Run/Walk at East Goshen Twp. Park. This is a fun event for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and families and friends. There are individual and unit competitions being announced this summer. Bruce Baker is the event Chairman.

Check the "Leader" issue or the Council's website, www.cccbsa.org, that will have full information and enable participants to sign up.

GALA AND AUCTION

November 5 is the date for the Council's "Evening Under the Stars" Gala and Auction. This is a fun event, enjoyed by leaders and friends of Scouting, and in its 17th year. HSRAA's JB and Ellie Rettew are Co-chairs. This event is being held at the Great Hall of Immaculata University. Help is needed from Troops, Packs and

Venturers. For information contact JB Rettew (610-524-4049), the Council Service Center (610-696-2900), or, check the Council's website for details at www.cccbsa.org.

WORLD SCOUTING MUSEUM IS 10!

The World of Scouting Museum is the product and inspiration of Rob McCarter, 2005 recipient of the Silver Beaver Award of the Chester County Council, BSA.

An Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor and an HSRAA member, Rob McCarter has amassed an impressive collection of patches, equipment and related memorabilia of the Boy Scout and Girl Scout movements, representing an historical perception of both organizations since their inception.

According to Rich Johnson, close friend of Rob's: "stories and traditions of...Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the USA are captured and preserved at the unique World of Scouting Museum at Valley Forge, and all can be a part of it! The museum features a world-class collection of Boy and Girl Scout memorabilia dating back to the early 20th century founding days of the movements. It is uniquely housed in the historic log-cabin memorial of the 314th Infantry A.E.F. on the campus of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, PA. Visitors are welcomed. (Phone 610-783-5311.)

Since the official opening in July 1995, nearly 30,000 young people and adults have visited the museum. We expect many thousands more, especially during the National Scout Jamboree weeks in July and August 2005.

The World of Scouting Museum attracts hundreds of Scouts and Scouters during the annual Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment that is the oldest continuing activity of the Boy Scouts of America. The three-day encampment, held in mid-February, dates back to 1913 and emphasizes the life, sacrifice, and dedication of General Washington and the Continental

Army at Valley Forge.

You, your Scout troop, Venturing Crew, Post, Cub Pack, or Patrol are invited. The Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 PM. Come see!"

HSRAA T SHIRTS FOR SALE!!

Get your HSRAA T-Shirt and show your loyalty!TODAY!

For only a small \$10 fee you to can dress in the elegance of the day in your own Horseshoe Scout Reservation Association T Shirt.

Where can I get it....my very own HSRAA T Shirt? Available now at the Reunion.

Or...if you miss it there, the Horseshoe Trading Post has your shirt....NOW!

NOSTALGIA 1930 – 2004

2004- Last year

New Camp Ware Cub Scout facilities open. Horseshoe attendance continues strong.



Ware's Trading Post and Cub facilities popular

2000 – 5 years ago

HSRAA founded and holds successful Reunion at Camp Horseshoe. Bob Matje first President. Joe Eagan chief proponent of organization along with Ernie Heegard and others. Cub Scout camping programs strong at Camp John H. Ware 3rd.

Camp Ware hosts Irish Scout 2000 camporee with 200 boy and girl Scouts from Ireland visiting US for two weeks.



Irish Camp 2000 at Ware Retreat Ceremony

1990 – 15 years ago.

First Handicapped Camporee held at Camp John H. Ware 3rd. Sue Crouch (now Fisher) Assistant Council Commissioner for Handicapped and Order of the Arrow Lodge 22 play major role in its success.

Popular songs at Horseshoe and Ware this summer were "The Cat Came Back" and "Super Lizard". Pete Mendez first recipient of the "JB" Rettew Award at Horseshoe.

OA Lodge's 65th anniversary.



Dave Mellinger, Joe Eagan and Moose Winsch serve

1975 – 30 years ago.

Eagle Scout Gerald Ford now 38th President of the United States. "Moose" Wunsch and his East Greenville Troop 108 "find" Horseshoe outside of their Council after attending 1974 OA Lodge Conclave at Horseshoe. Begins long-term association with Chester County Council, BSA.

Camp Jubilee (now Ware) continues Council's strong provisional style camping program for Troops.



Schramm first Camp Masters' Lodge refurbished

1960 - 45 years ago.

The "Jubilee" year of Scouting celebrated at National Jamboree held in Colorado Springs. Jubilee name adopted for Council's Explorer Base. First Co-ed Explorer Scout camping program held at Horseshoe on weekend.

Record 1440 Scouts attend Horseshoe – a record! Chapel on Flag Pole Hill expanded and Schramm Lodge built as a Camp Master's Lodge.

Hurricane "Donna" damages Horseshoe roads and bridges.



1940's Chapel's inspiring view of camp

1945 – 60 years ago.

12 acres of land on the perimeter of West Chester deeded to the Council for use of the Scouts. Later, it was used for what is now the Council's Service Center.

At Horseshoe, Order of the Arrow Lodge 22 members enthusiastically began a fund for building a lodge for use by its members.

The Camp Echo newspaper reported: Six Summer Camp Horseshoe Staff members were called out to Pine Grove late at night to search for a lost swimmer. Among them were Charley Swope, Reds Russell, Frank Saybolt and Camp Director Frank Beam. They located the body within minutes of their search.



Octoraro Lodge 22 OA Lodge plans begin in 1945

1930 – 75 years ago.

Third camping season for the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. New pool at Horseshoe dedicated and in use. That summer, the Order of the Arrow erected a Chapel on Flag Pole Hill consisting of stone benches and a post and rail fence. The site offered an inspiring and prominent view of the camp, the expansive athletic field below and the Octoraro Creek winding its way towards the Susquehanna River. Horseshoe's program highlights Hiawatha Pageant by the Staff and campers.

**REGISTRATION FORM: Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association - send to:
Att: HSRAA % Chester County Council, BSA, 504 S. Concord Rd., West Chester, PA 19382**

Name: _____ Email Add: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP code: _____ Telephone (Home) _____

Occupation: _____ Telephone (Bus.) _____

Year of Birth: 19 _____

I have camped at (please check): ____ Camp Horseshoe; ____ Camp John H. Ware, III (Jubilee); ____ Both.

Camper Year(s) Date(s): _____

Camp Staff Year(s) Date(s): _____ Position: _____

_____ Please send me further information about The Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association

The following Camp Horseshoe/Camp Ware alumni* may be interested in the HSRAA:

Name	Address
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

* We especially need names/addresses of people not currently registered with Council or Lodge 22 OA.

(Tear off above and send)

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