

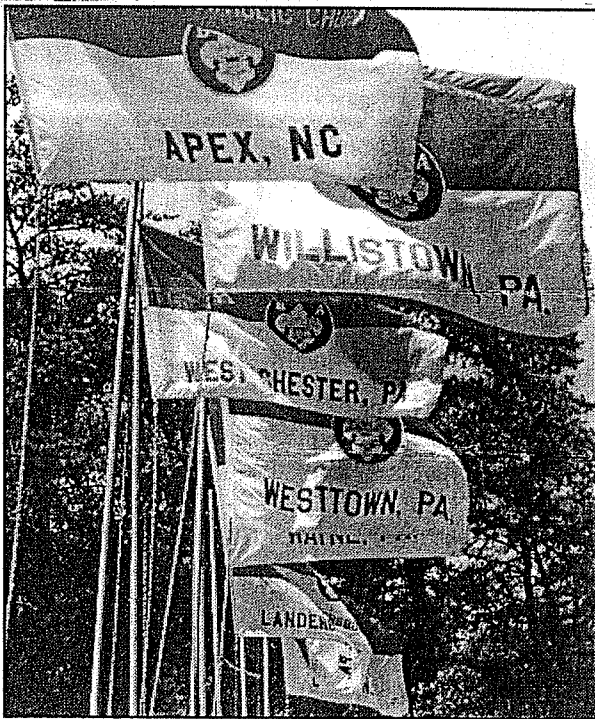


# THE OCTORARO LOOP

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."*

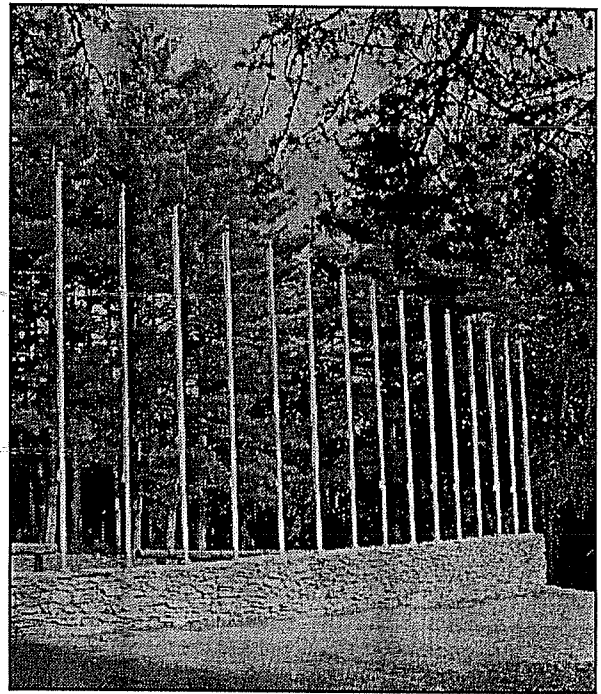
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Troop Flags Fly Smartly

### PARADE GROUND HEADWALL BY HSRAA HERE!

The Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association (HSRAA), as part of its effort in the Council's Capital Campaign for improvements to the Horseshoe Scout Reservation, has undertaken a major improvement of the Camp's Parade Field. The first phase of the project is nearing completion as the finishing touches are put on the head wall of the Camp Horseshoe Parade Field. This is the first phase of their



2004 HSRAA Stone Head Wall  
at Parade Field

major two-phase project of renovating and improving the Parade Field. The Parade Field has been looked upon as one of the most prominent features of the camp. It attracts hundreds of visitors on Saturday evenings for the Retreat and Order of the Arrow Calling out Ceremonies during summer camp.

Selected as the initial thrust of the project was the construction of the stone head wall with new flagpoles at the top of the wall. Work begun late last year is expected

to be completed before the opening of camp. Les King, stone mason, who worked on both the Camp Horseshoe and Camp John H. Ware 3rd Gateways for the HSRAA is doing the stonework.

The outstanding field stone headwall, as pictured above, is approximately 92 feet long fashioned in a tapering configuration from 8 inches to about 48 inches high with steps coming down from the Rossiter Lodge and Trading Post area to the camp roadway.



Construction Workers Building Head Wall

## TROOPS CONTRIBUTE NEW FLAGPOLES.

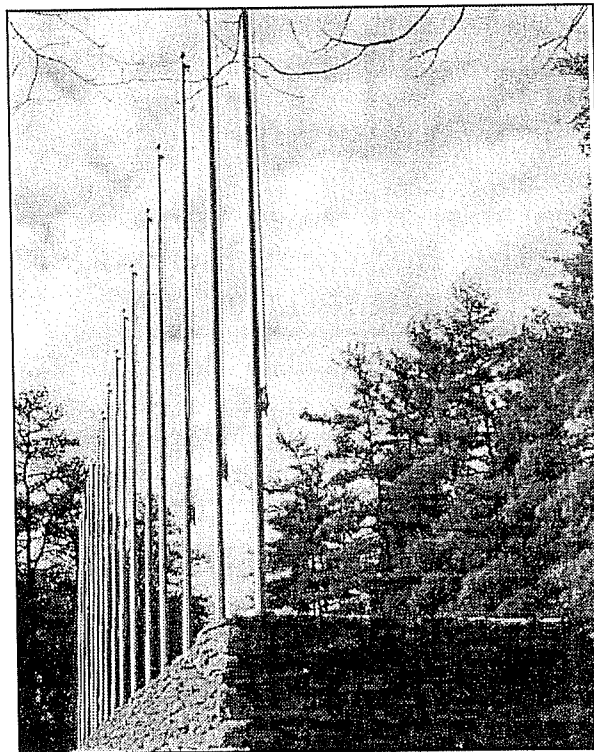
Included in the Parade Field project are 14 flagpoles rising from the field stone wall.

To date there are nine Troops who have contributed funds for their respective flagpoles and will have an appropriate plaque recognizing their contributions.

The contributing Troops to date include: Paoli Troop 1, West Chester Troop 6, Malvern Troop 7, West Chester Troop 21, Devon Troop 50, Thorndale Troop 70, Valley Forge Troop 73, Willistown Troop 78, and Paoli Troop 181. May their troop flags fly smartly in the breeze!

Dick Bensing continues to take the lead in this HSRAA project that is funded by alumni/ae membership contributions.

The second phase of leveling the Parade Field and bottom wall construction will be the focus of a future year's project.



Flagpoles Await Troop Flags

## HSRAA'S FIFTH REUNION - "CASEY" JONES DAY 7/10/04

Excitement is building for the fifth reunion celebration at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation reports George Tzanakis, Reunion Chairman!

George comments: "Before you read any further, mark your calendar now for July 10, 2004. If you miss this day, you will never forgive yourself. That Saturday is the day for the annual alumni picnic at the Reservation. This year's event will showcase former staff member "Casey" Jones. Join us in celebrating this Horseshoe legend. To make this event special the Reunion committee is gathering material for the Casey Jones celebration. If you have a story, pictures or some other souvenirs, let us know about them.

This year the Reunion program has been expanded to include events on both sides of the mighty Octoraro Creek. The day begins with lunch at Camp John H. Ware 3rd. As many know, the Council has dedicated a lot of resources to Camp Ware and after lunch there will be guided tours to show off the results of initial Capital Campaign funding efforts. Come and see all the new facilities for Boy Scout and Cub Scout campers that brings Ware into a new level of camping

opportunities.

After the Ware tour, the Reunion party shifts to Camp Horseshoe. Come by to greet your old camp friends and meet new ones. Take a tour of camp and revive the memories of summers gone by. This is your chance to step back into those special summers. The HSRAA alumni extends its welcome to all members, friends and family. Don't be shy, go ahead and bring along that special someone or the new baby. We all are looking forward to meeting them."

The picnic supper will be at the Goodman Pavilion adjoining the Campcraft area. Opportunities for camp tours, games, field sports as well as the chance to renew friendships and enjoy a great barbecue are in the offing.

Ed "Casey" Jones was a stalwart on the Camp Horseshoe Staff spanning the decades of the 1940's and '50's. Today, his parishioners and friends better know "Casey" as Reverend Edward Jones. He has retired from the ministry and serves his former parish and the Church in various capacities.

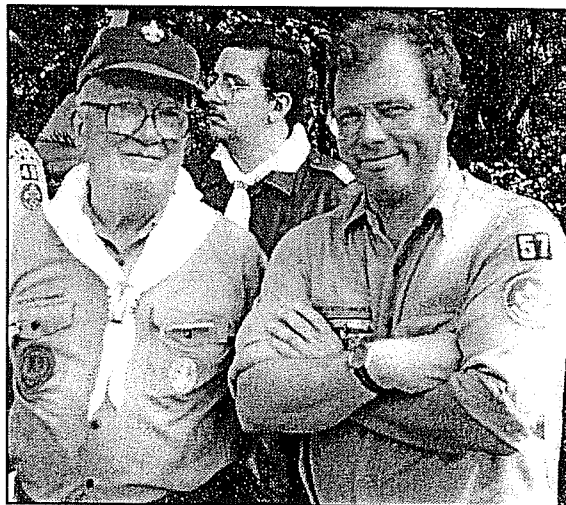
The Editor and other Staff and campers of the 40's and 50's decades know him as "Casey" a versatile staff member who wore many different 'hats' on the staff in the early years – from pool staff to Program Director – you name it, he was a staple of those years in camp. His records of Camp Horseshoe history are extensive and provided the framework for the Council's 75 year history, "The Spirit of the Horseshoe" written in 1994. More will be said in our July issue of the Octoraro Loop issued at the Reunion.

If you are from "Casey's" generations in camp, please spread the word and join us to honor him and his time in camp. We would like to have a great turnout for him as we reunite July 10, 2004!

For more information or if you have any suggestions, please contact the HSRAA Reunion chairman George Tzanakis at (610) 932-3477. More information will be available at the alumni website [www.hsraa.org](http://www.hsraa.org) Visit the site See you at the Reunion!

## RECONNECTING

HSRAA is seeking to reconnect with former staff members and campers at Horseshoe and Camp John H. Ware. Contact HSRAA Web Site: [www.hsraa.org](http://www.hsraa.org) or Phone 610-696-2900.



Ken Ryan Remembered By Damon Sinclair

## KEN RYAN MEMORIALIZED 1918 - 2004

While working at Camp Horseshoe in the mid- to late-1980's, I first met Damon Sinclair. We'd both been scouts in Troop 12, albeit from different eras. Another thing we had in common is we both recognized the tremendous positive impact that Scoutmaster Ken Ryan had on our lives. After retiring as Scoutmaster of Troop 12 in 1983 after 30 years of continuous service, Mr. Ryan continued his life-long scouting activities as an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 24 and as a popular staff member at the International Polish Scouts-in-Exile Jamboree held at the Reservation in 1988. As a youth growing up in New Jersey, Mr. Ryan was a 3-time Chief of his OA Lodge, the entire Nature Department for his local Scout camp, and an Eagle Scout.

Damon has kindly put pencil-to-paper and recorded a few of his recollections of Mr. Ryan, who passed away this past January at the age of 86.

Sincerely, Mark Hammond

"It was my first year at Camp Horseshoe, and as a young man I had waited a long time to turn eleven. Our campsite, Lenni Lenape, has not changed much since that summer of 1964, when our small troop of ten to twelve boys and one Scoutmaster, Mr. Ryan attended. Somewhere around the middle of the week he announced to me and my best friend Jamie that it was time for our Tenderfoot hike. This was the first time we had been singled out for anything, and our adventure began with a trip to the Quonset hut for a pack and then to the mess hall for food.

We hiked down the steep hill behind the OA lodge, across the Athletic field to the swinging bridge over the Octoraro River, and then over to "New Farm" and back, then removing our shoes and socks to re-cross the Octoraro at the old dam. After a vertical hike up Chapel Hill, we finally arrived at Buzzards Rock for lunch. Jamie and I had never been on a trail like this in our entire young lives. Some where along the way, Jamie and I ran into some yellow jacket bees and I got stung in the face. As my face began to swell, I was having a hard time seeing out of one eye; of course, it was standard Horseshoe tropical weather, hot and humid beyond reason.

We each started a fire under the shelter at Buzzard's Rock, which Mr. Ryan later taught us had been used by Native Americans as a hunting camp for some fifteen thousand years. I think some of my shish kabob fell into the fire, but the surviving portions tasted pretty good. With our fires safely out and passing a few more tests we were on our way back to camp.

I shall never forget how good it felt to have done something that hard, well beyond what I felt were my personal limits. And there was this new man in my life, my Scoutmaster Ken Ryan. I had heard stories about him from my older brother and some of the kids in the neighborhood, that he was cool and even kind of quiet, and never played favorites. I was blown away at the way he propped up Jamie and me on the hike. When we were sure that we could

not go on he quietly pushed us forward and by his example showed us something very special.

My next example of this man requires us to fast forward thirty years when

it was my turn to take the boys to Horseshoe for a week. I was a little out of my element so I called Ken Ryan, Still Mr. Ryan to me, and asked him to come to camp with me to help me out. He announced that he was seventy-five years old and after thirty of those years as a Scoutmaster he was done with spending nights at camp. With the offer of me finding him a good mattress, we compromised and he came down for four days. During that wonderful time we sat around the campfire where he told his ghost stories that I had first heard as a young man, he helped me in a thousand ways that only his years of experience could.

I distinctly remember him standing next to me when I was asked one of those questions from a first year camper that just can't be answered. An awkward moment of silence followed, and Ken Ryan spied my consternation out of the corner of his eye. He held up both hands like a policeman stopping traffic, and said those magic words that I had heard him say a thousand times "ask your Senior Patrol Leader." Wiser words have never been said. In every way during that week, Mr. Ryan deftly propped me up when I was not quite positive what to do.

My final story has to do with one of the most difficult days of my life, the day of my father's funeral. I was greeting people at the front of the church along with my three brothers, there was a parade of wonderful faces from my past who supported all of us, as a small town does so well. I have to admit that the emotion was beginning to take its toll. And then one the other most important men in my life walked through the door.

With nothing more than one look from him, I suddenly stood up a little straighter, maybe dried a tear or two, and knew it would be fine. Just seeing him and saying hello brought back thousands of happy and fine experiences that had been a part of my

life.

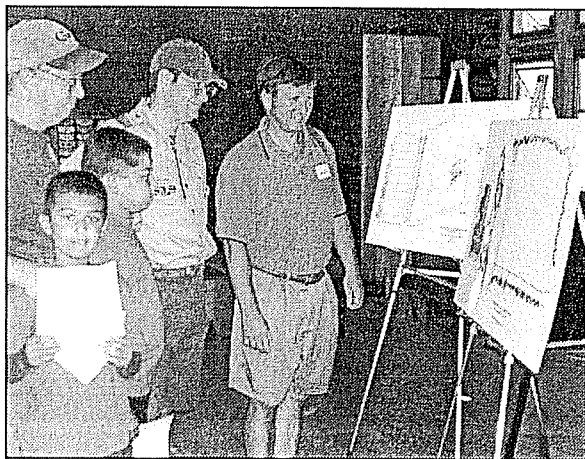
After the ceremony, it was time for the burial behind the church, and the heavens

opened up with a downpour of enormous proportions. Everyone rushed for the small tent over the plot, and as we grabbed hold of the casket and walked toward the tent, we could barely see and feared for our footing. As we turned to place the casket down, my brother Jimmy, the corner pall-bearer, started to fall down. Suddenly, he was seized by his belt and held up long enough to regain his footing. Once again, Mr. Ryan had stood behind us and was propping us all up once again.

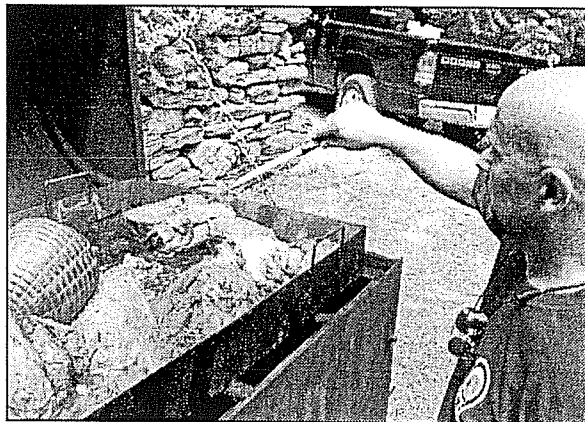
I invited Mr. Ryan to speak at an Eagle ceremony of our Troop and quickly lobbied to introduce him. After telling these stories as way of introduction, he approached the podium and began his speech. Slightly overcome with emotion, he said that we were not there to honor him but to honor this new young Eagle Scout. As always, he took the spotlight off of himself, and demonstrated the leadership qualities that influenced generations of scouts.

I, like many of the hundreds of Scouts from Kennett Square Troop 12, were privileged to have this tremendous Scoutmaster; not only for our years as scouts, but as a continuing influence and presence throughout the following years."

*Editor's note: Ken was a staunch HSRAA member, and will be missed by all.*



Bob Matje, Dick Ide and Bill Grubb View Plans



Cooking Up BBQ Meal for HSRAA Reunion

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER -

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Another great year for the Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association has past and another great year is poised before us as we celebrate our HSRAA's fifth anniversary.

Last year we saw the Camp Horseshoe Parade Field project kick off with the reconstruction of the head of the parade field with new flagpoles and a new stonewall to add to the view. Hats off to Dick Bensing and his crew for making this first phase of the project a smashing success! Thanks to the nine Troops who donated funds for their respective flagpoles and others to come.

Membership continues to climb and we continue to work hard to update the website and the long promised virtual museum. Behind the scenes, Charles Buck, Neil Chippendale, and Eric Lorgus have working very hard to develop and maintain a reliable consistent database of membership information.

Recently, you have all received a call to renew your membership for the coming year in the Alumni Association. I ask that you take a moment to complete the form and send it into council with your donation. The donations that you submit will help us to fund the second phase of the Parade Field project and also allow us to continue this fine newsletter that JB Rettew and his team continue to assemble for us.

Also, if you would like to donate any additional amounts, they too would be very welcome.

We look forward to your participation this year and thanks for all your support in the past!

Yours in the Spirit,  
Bob Matje, Chairman

## OFFICERS OF THE HSRAA 2003-2004

Officers elected term ending September, 2004:

Chairman.....Robert E. Matje  
Vice Chairman.....Mark Hammond  
Secretary..... Donald Tyson  
Treasurer..... Eric R. Lorgus



OA Team Jack Jacobs, Casey Jones, Ron Sykes, John Rettew

## OCTORARO LODGE 22 HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET

The Annual order of the Arrow Banquet is being held at the Kimberton Fire Hall on March 13, 2004. The Banquet signals kicking off the OA's active spring events, the opportunity of fellowship and serves as a time to honor Lodge members for their service and devotion.

The Banquet speaker is renowned George Washington historian and re-enactor Carl Closs. Among other highlights of the evening are the Founder's Awards, the James H. Gawthrop Allouschit Allogagon awards and the impressive Vigil Calling out Ceremony.

Lodge Chief Toby McCabe putting into motion plans for an active spring with traditional OA Service Weekends as well as the upcoming Section Conclave.



OA Journey Begins As Scouts Are Called Out

## IN THIS ISSUE, "ERNIE SAYS" –

*Writes of the development of the Lewis property into what is today's Camp John H. Ware 3rd.*

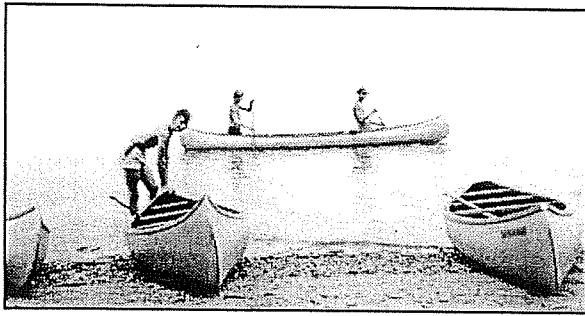
### Explorer Base - Jubilee - Camp John H. Ware 3rd

Summary...In our Part 1 Ernie talked about the initial development of the Lewis Property as and Explorer Base and subsequent building of the Jubilee Camp that transitioned to present day Camp John H. Ware 3rd. Ernie talked of the program and the off-base activities. More of this now.

### PART #2 (Continued from the November 2003 Issue)

Each week's highlight in the days of the Explorer Base was the group's selection of an off-property trip for two or three days.

For the rock hounds we took a three-quarry hike: to old chrome mines, a marble quarry, and a spar mine. Another hike adventure was the Mason-Dixon marker hike to find the 1-mile and 5-mile markers placed by the surveyors, Mason and Dixon. The longest hike was to the Broad Creek Scout Reservation on the other side of the Susquehanna River. This included a tour of the Conowingo Dam and power generating plant. Canoe trips up the backwaters of the dam and camping on the islands were other things we did. We also went canoeing below the dam, and ended up at the Broad Creek Scout Reservation, utilizing their land ship that was used by their Sea Scouts.



Early Explorers J. Wheeler T-13 Canoe Chesapeake

The most adventuresome expedition was canoeing the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. We soon learned that canoeing against the tide was impossible. Prop wash from the ocean going tankers was another hazard to be avoided. We traveled east to a smaller canal, then northeast to Delaware City. From there we went due east to Pea Patch Island, in the center of the Delaware River. The island was deserted and had the intact remains of Fort Delaware, a mooted old stone fortress, which was constructed to house prisoners here in the north during the Civil War. We later found out it was called the "Andersonville of the North". (Andersonville was the most feared and brutal prison the Confederacy operated.) We gained access to the fort by crossing the mud filled moot on driftwood planks. We then scaled the wall to a slit window without bars and climbed through. We found that the fort had been converted to a secure site during the Second World War for use as a mine assembly storage and mine laying operation. The ship's mines had been placed in the Delaware to prevent U-boats from slipping up the river to blow up our refineries. Today the fort is part of Fort Mott State Park and is a working museum. It had been a spooky night, but a real thrill to explore this old fort!

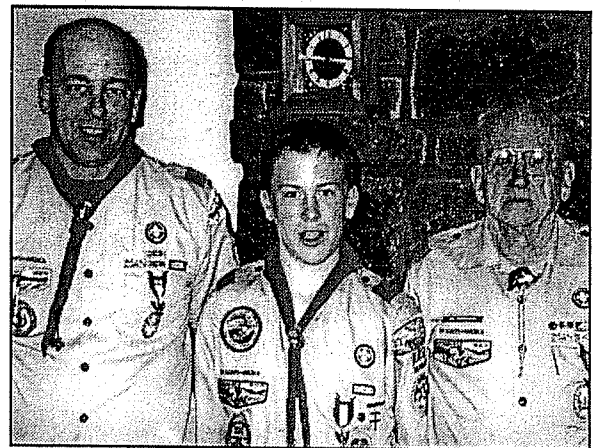
The trio of Pete Tobiessen (P.T.), Bill Bird (B.B.), and G. Ernest Heegard (G.E.) at the Explorer Base had many, many exciting times creating and developing the Explorer Base and its program on the Lewis property. The following year I returned to the Horseshoe side of the Reservation. Pete Tobiessen and Bill Bird took over the operation. They added Richard Walter from Troop 78 to carry on the traditions. As Explorer Posts looked

more afield for greater challenges, the Explorer Base suffered for the lack of repeat campers. The camp then began attracting Scout troops looking for the challenge of camping in a more rugged setting. This rugged camping style later became known as the "Jambo" style: pitching your own camp, sleeping on the ground, cooking your own meals, etc.

The Explorer program at this base was fading and a name change was inevitable.

1960 was the 60th anniversary of Scouting and activities throughout the movement were named Jubilee. Since the Scout camping actually began in 1960 on this property, the name caught up with the program and the former Explorer Base was officially named Camp Jubilee by the Council Board's action in 1962. The Lewis property / Explorer Base / Camp Jubilee would undergo another name change in 1985. It became Camp John H. Ware 3rd, named for an influential past Council President and Scouter in Chester County.

Those early Explorers, Scouts and leaders, are carrying with them indelible memories of the friendships, fun, and wild and crazy experiences we all shared at the OLD Explorer Base.



Present Day Ware Enthusiasts T-44's Robertsons

### *Comments by Editor JB Rettew*

For many years after Scout troop camping was developed at Camp Jubilee, the camp has attracted devoted troops to enjoy a different style program than that offered at Camp Horseshoe. Troops like Oxford Troop 44, led by Bill Robertson and now his son Bruce; Troop 22 of Unionville with leaders like Carl Buffington, Chuck Kelly, Harry Alberts and

John McCabe; Hopewell Troop 8 now lead by 'Coop' Cooper; Troop 45 of Devon lead by Dick Miller and Mike Langdon; Berwyn Troop 121 (now lapsed) lead by Al Brawn; all of whom staunchly supported the Jubilee program as did other devotees like Troops 51, 222, among others.

In 1985, the 75th anniversary of the BSA, Camp Jubilee was renamed Camp John H. Ware 3rd honoring an active Council Scouter and prominent Senator in Chester County from Oxford.

Over the past 25 years Camp Jubilee – John H. Ware 3rd leaders have figured strongly in the development of the camp's program and the variety of offerings to both Boy Scout and Cub Scout units. Ray Pawley was an early director, followed by Rob McCarter, Matt Christenson, Dr. Dave Mellinger, Paul Owens, Fred Stoudt and the Bruton family (CW, Ben and Josh), Steve McCall-Carter, past leader Marjie Prosock and present day Jim Montich.

Unlike Horseshoe, the Ware program is multi-faceted and requires agility on the part of leaders and staff. During the summer, they plan and execute multi-faceted programs that serve the needs of the Computer Camp, Science and Energy Camp, Handicapped Camporee, Scout Troops, Cub and Webelos camping, and Parent and Pal weekend activities.

Today, new challenges are on the horizon with the enhanced facilities involved with Cub Town and various program offerings in developing Cub and Webelos programs. Stay tuned for future reports in the Octoraro Loop.



Laying Base For Scout Skills At Camp Ware

## MEMBERSHIP IN HSRAA

Mark Hammond comments: "Memberships in the HSRAA are on an annual (calendar year) basis, and membership dues are the primary funding source of the HSRAA's activities. We are pleased to announce that we have begun our 2004 membership drive. All should have received your membership renewal form by this time.

We hope that through our membership activities (reunions and newsletter, The Octoraro Loop) and the projects we have undertaken to improve the Reservation have helped strengthen your spirit of brotherhood in the Reservation.

Our organization has been built one member at a time, and we hope to continue to enjoy your support. We are staffed strictly by volunteers, and over 90% of all membership dues are used for projects that directly benefit the camps. As you read this newsletter, our most ambitious project to date is on-going. Hopefully, you are as excited as we are about the completion of Phase I of our multi-year project to significantly refurbish and upgrade the Horseshoe Parade Field.

We are staffed entirely by volunteer members. We welcome new and current members looking for an opportunity to participate and contribute. Please feel free to contact me directly at (215) 988-2994 or by e-mail at [mch1@enter.net](mailto:mch1@enter.net) should you have any questions regarding the organization or wish to enquire about volunteering."

Enjoy the rest of the great articles and pictures here in the Octoraro Loop, and we look forward to your continued participation in the HSRAA.

## HSRAA WEBSITE – VIRTUAL HISTORY MUSEUM COMING

The HSRAA Virtual Museum is coming! Thanks to the fine efforts of Chuck Buck, HSRAA Website Leader, the site will be open for posting in the very near future. The "museum" is in 'Beta' form. From all indications this will be an excit-



ing addition to the HSRAA website as well as an important innovation for the Chester County Council and every Scout unit.



Hon. O. J. Roberts At Camporee To Be Part of Virtual Museum

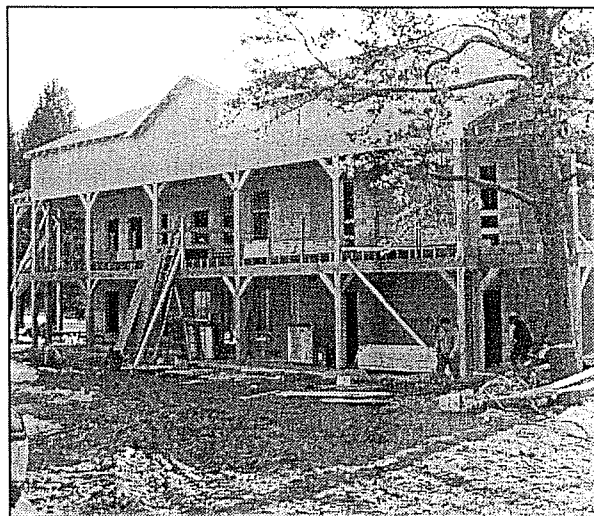
In effect, the Virtual Museum will carry a vast quantity of pictures of Horseshoe, Ware, Jubilee, as well as old time camps Rothrock and Lafayette. It is anticipated that Troops and Packs may develop their own historical records to post to the website. More to come!

In a continuing update of our web site (<http://www.hsraa.org>) we now link to a Horseshoe Scout Reservation HSRAA-related archive of photographs: (<http://community.webshots.com/album/81277906XolnrV>) managed by JB Rettew and Rich Foot.

HSRAA.org has also been updated with the latest version of the March 2004 Octoraro Loop. The Loop is available in Adobe's Portable Document Format.

The "Spirit of the Horseshoe" 75 year history of our camps and council will be returning to our website in the near future. The new version will carry extensive records of Council leadership, Camp leaders, Silver Beaver awardees, Vigil Honor members, OA records and other honors.

Keep your eye peeled for website happenings!



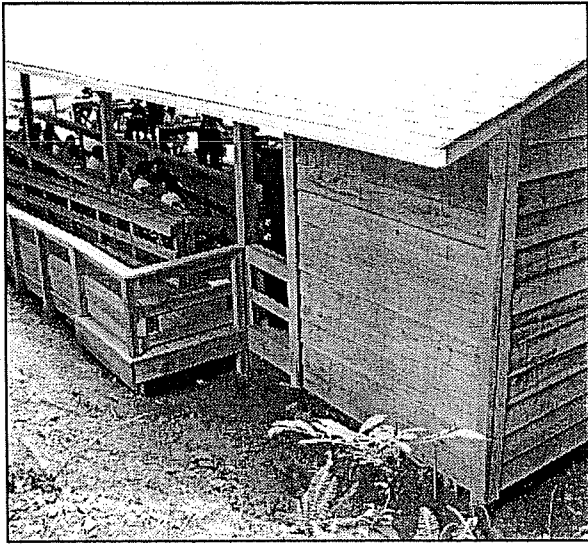
Ware's Cub Town Project Takes Shape in February

## "TODAY'S YOUTH... TOMORROW'S LEADERS" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Chester County Council, BSA has undertaken a \$6.5 million Capital Campaign to upgrade our camps at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. Approximately half the funds raised (\$3.1 million) are being used to construct a separate Cub Camp at Camp John H. Ware, 3rd.. In addition, we are renovating aging facilities at Camp Horseshoe, updating the wastewater treatment facilities at both camps, and providing a maintenance endowment for the upkeep of the Reservation.

All members of the Scouting Family are invited to be part of our success. The "Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders" campaign provides opportunities for everyone to share in the same vision. As of this date, \$4.7 million, or 72.3 % of the \$6.5 million goal, has been raised through the generosity of our Council's Board, area foundations, and individuals during the quiet phase of the Campaign. Now it's up to us. To help make this vision a reality, we need the support of our entire Scouting community.

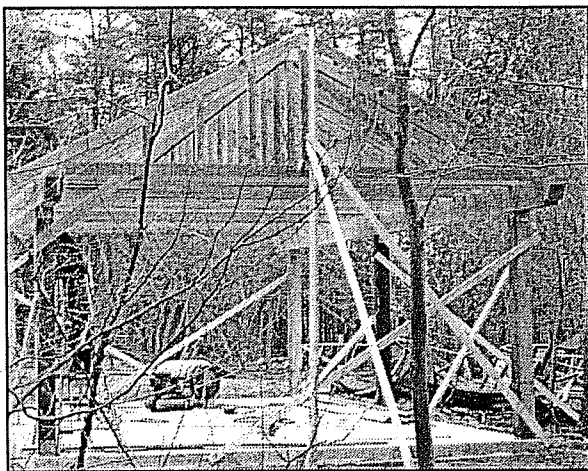
A very dedicated and generous friend of Scouting has agreed to match every dollar we raise during the public phase, up to a total of \$500,000, as long as all pledges



Campaign Helps Horseshoe's Rifle Range Opening

are received by December 31, 2004. Additionally, he has agreed to make a 2 to 1 match for donations of \$200 or more. We expect to complete the Cub Town building, trading post, wastewater treatment facilities, three bathhouses, two pavilions, and staff cabins before the opening of camp, but there is still much to do.

If you would like to make a donation to the campaign, please visit our website at <http://www.todaysyouth.org>, (we are accepting on-line donations) or call either Robin Shipman or Martha Greene at 610-696-2900.



Pavillion At Ware Building For Summer Use

## DECADE REMEMBRANCES BY JB

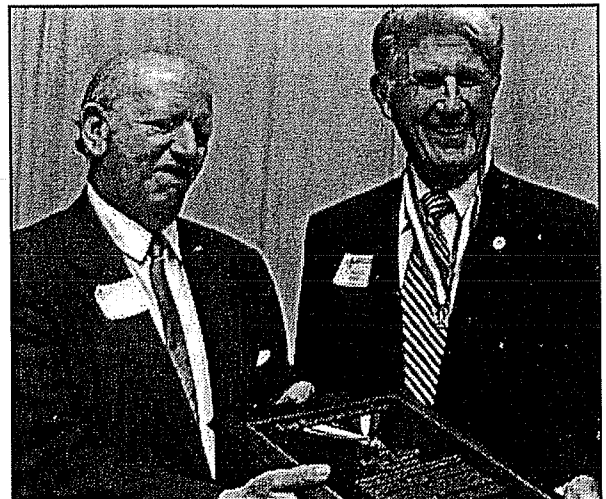
**1924** – The Council's 5th Anniversary. "Chief" Charles M. Heistand asked to continue his leadership of Council and Council's Camp Rothrock. Paoli Troop 1 hikes from Paoli to Carlisle camp.

**1934** – "Roberts' Day" established at Camp Horseshoe, honoring Associate Justice Owen J. Roberts who received Silver Beaver Award for his leadership in raising funds for the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. "Roberts Day" and an appropriate Scouting Camping Award continued into the 1980's.



1930's Owen J. Roberts Dedicates Horseshoe Pool

**1944** – 25th Anniversary of Council marked by Scout "Chief" Louis Lester's organization of Horseshoe's history. Morrison Health Lodge dedicated by Justice Roberts. John H. Ware, 3rd honored with Silver Beaver for his dedicated service to Council's youth. Long time Camp Ranger "C.C." Cole retires and son George becomes second generation Reservation Ranger.



Sen. John H. Ware 3rd, left, Gets Distinguished Eagle Award

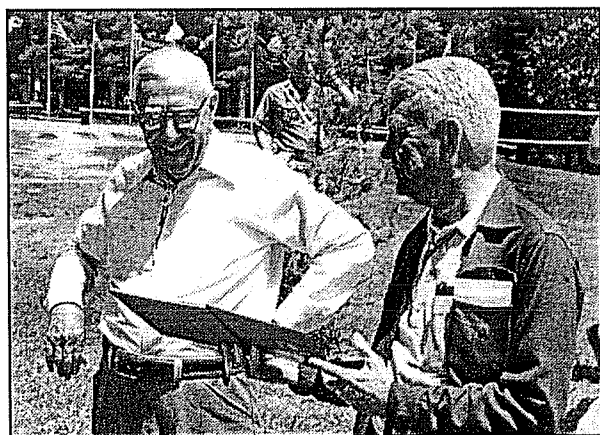
1954 – J. Holland Heck is Camp Director of Reservation. Edward "Casey" Jones continues his service on Camp Staff. G. Ernest Heegard becomes first youth Octoraro Lodge 22 Chief. Lodge 22 hosts Area III-A Conference held at Camp Horseshoe.

1964 – Council \$250,000 Building Campaign commences with construction of Camp Jubilee pool to open in 1965 and related Horseshoe Reservation projects. Ernie Heegard Camp Director as attendance exceeds 1600 Scouts.

1974 – OA Section 5-A Conclave at Horseshoe sets the pace for the future as it draws hundreds to Camp for games, learning and good eats! Matt Christenson is Section Chief. Horseshoe Reservation's program is swinging! Jim Goudie with "Rusty" is Program Director while "Uncalled Four Quartet" barbershop (Steve Darby, Rob Hopkins, Buck Jones and Guy Bernardin) entertains Scouts at campfires and in dining hall.

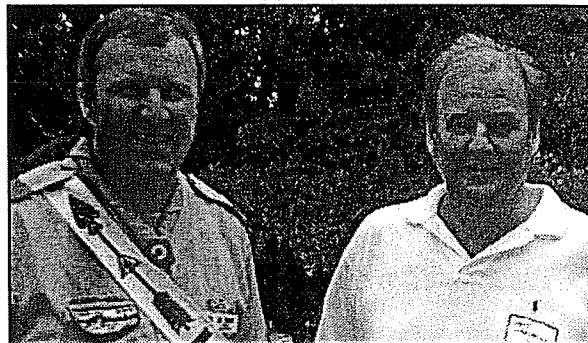


Lodge 22 Hosts 1974 Section 5A Conclave



Horseshoe's Founders "Chief" Heistand and Joe Brinton Return

1984 – Council's 65th Anniversary celebrated with "Chief" Heistand and Joe Brinton returning to reflect on Horseshoe and Council's earlier days. Camp Jubilee's Director is Dave Mellinger who will return for many years to come as Camp Doctor. First known wedding takes place at Horseshoe's Chapel when Camp Director Ernie Heegard and Betsy are wed as members of the Staff looked on.



1980's Dave Mellinger and Matt Christenson Jubilee (Ware) Camp Directors

1994 – Chester County Council, BSA celebrates 75th Anniversary with a variety of events. "Diamond Anniversary Camporee" held at Hibernia Park after summer-long celebration at Camp Horseshoe and Camp John H. Ware, 3rd (Jubilee). Allen Forssmark and Jeff Balmat receive OA's Founders' Award. Extensive article in the National Scouting magazine touts large troop phenomena in Chester County along with the Horseshoe Reservation's strong program. *"The Spirit of the Horseshoe"* is published reflecting the 75-year history of the Council and its camps.

2004 – Council's Capital Campaign "Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders" underway. Camp John H. Ware 3rd's newly constructed Cub Town to open and camp improvements at Camp Horseshoe take place. HSRAA Parade Ground Headwall constructed. Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Society marks 5th Anniversary with Annual Reunion honoring Rev. Edward "Casey" Jones and his time on Horseshoe's Staff.

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

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