

PETITCODIAC SPORTSMAN'S CLUB INC

In writing this I hope to give you a brief history of the club.

In the beginning there were a few people who would before duck season each year go the DNR Office and get Transportation Permits to shoot trap & skeet down the old road to a place called the Cochrane fields.

This meant every time they wanted to shoot someone had to get the permits for their shotguns. One evening when the shooting was done it was talked about forming a club.

There was approximately 8 to 10 men there that night, through word of mouth there was a meeting called at the Kiwanis Building and the Petitcodiac Sportsman Club was formed.

Meetings were to be held on the third Thursday of each month, which still is done today and the Annual Meeting to be held in January each year. A President, 1st Vice President, a Secretary and Treasurer were elected.

All the meetings were held at the Kiwanis building and each year we had more members sign up. Every now and then a guest speaker was brought in for meetings as is done today

In 1984 the club was Incorporated.

Each year a Sportsman's Club supper is held to raise money plus other fund raising events.

At one of the meetings in the early 90' it was decided to get land and build a club house and range for shooting.

After two or three places were looked at it was decided to lease from the Province a parcel of land at the Sanitorium Road which consisted of approximately 23 acres.

In July of 1992 after a lot of bulldozing was done to build roads and a rifle range and after borrowing of moneys we started to build a club house with the foundation footing done on July 1992.

The building was started on August 1992 as seen in the photo (photos to be added later) and was worked on until it was completed which took approximately one year, although not completely done we held the first club meeting in the building on February 18, 1993.

Over the years different members have been elected to all the positions as previously mentioned plus adding directors.

Over the first few years the club held a music day and music nights to raise monies. At one of the music nights it was decided to burn the papers to the mortgage as seen in one of the photo's. (photos to be added later)

The club became involed in different things over the years especially in the removal of the causeway gates at Moncton-Riverview.

The stocking of fish in the river system. A school project for the kids to raise salmon in the class room from eggs then dump in the river system as seen in a photo. (photos to be added later)

For two or three years the club had a float in the parade at the Westmorland County Fair, also a photo. (photos to be added later)

Over the years the club has become affiliated with different organizations such as New Brunswick Wildlife Federation,

Atlantic Salmon Federation, Royal New Brunswick Rifle Assoc
and Archery Association of N.B.

Over the past years the club has up graded different areas which included the building of a shooting building at the rifle range, 22 shooting back stops, shooting benches on range , building of a archery field and shooting trail, building of the trap and sheet field including two houses's for trap shooting.

So as you can see a lot work has been done to make the club what it is today.

In finishing up this brief history of the club I would like to thank all the members and past members who over the years have made what the club is today.

There is to many people to thank and by not namings name's that way I wouldn't forget anyone.

Again thanks everyone for their work over the years.

Submitted by

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P.S.

If anyone wishes to add to this it would be appreciated maybe more photos

PAST PRESIDENTS (As of 2008)

**BART BRANSFIELD
GERRY GOGAN
ALAN GODDARD
ART REEDER
RICHARD MILBURN
JAMES BARRON
WAYNE POWER
GERRY TINGLEY
JOHN HODGIN
GREG STEEVES
STEPHEN LEWIS
WALTER COLWELL
ROB JOHNSON
ROBERT STEVENS
JIM MARRINER**

*** THESE ARE NOT IN THE PROPER ORDER AS TO THE
YEAR THEY WERE PRESIDENT. SOME WERE
PRESIDENT MORE THAN ONCE, IF I MISSED
SOMEONE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.**