



Allegheny County Sportsmen's League; 100 Years Fighting for Liberty, Conservation, Wildlife, and our Natural Resources



Pennsylvania Senator Jim Brewster presents a Senatorial Proclamation to ACSL President, Klint Macro, celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary of the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League

"We have a legacy to continue and a future to protect."

Klint Macro, ACSL President

100 years ago, in 1921, the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League was first organized by various sportsmen groups in Allegheny County under the leadership of Charles R. Hobson (1880-1954). Its purpose was to enhance conservation of the outdoor resources of Pennsylvania and increase the recreation found throughout the Commonwealth. The protection, preservation and

conservation of wildlife and other natural resources as well as the improvement of hunting and fishing within Pennsylvania were the goals set forth. One of its first projects was to lobby to have North Park Lake stocked with fish.

Charles Hobson was, by profession a businessman in real estate and insurance, originally from Somerset County, residing in Homestead, PA. His passion for wildlife conservation and sportsmen's interests motivated him to devote much of his time and effort into the formation of the league. He is widely credited with envisioning and facilitating the formation of the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League.

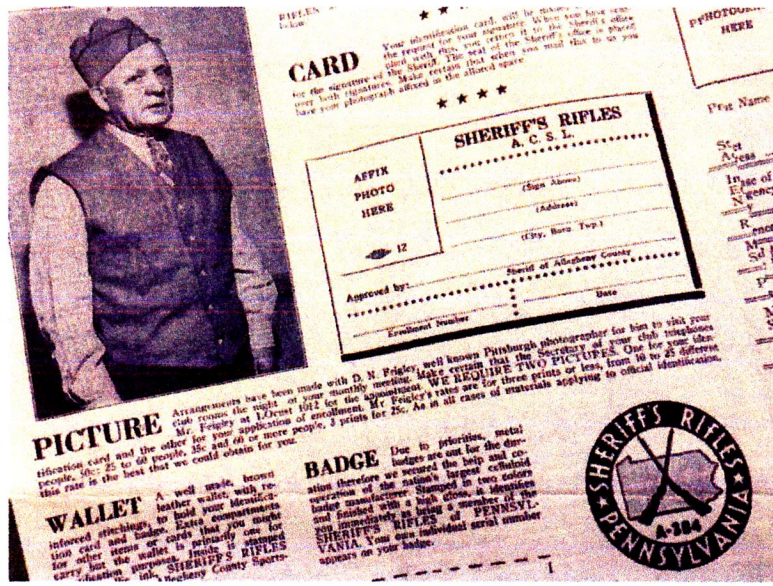
A founding member club of the League, Homestead Sportsmen's Club, has the distinction of being the first organized sportsmen's club in the United States of America and is recorded in the US Congressional Record as such.



Charles R. Hobson (Circa 1925)

In 1925, the ACSL elected its first President, Dr. E.R. Raymaley (1878-1971) of the Wilkinsburg Sportsmen's Club.

Over the years, the ACSL has championed clean streams, wildlife management, planting trees, vermin control, hunter safety, trout stocking, expanding fishing and hunting on Sundays, clean air, erosion prevention, sportsmen's rights, youth programs, civil defense, wildlife disease prevention, water purification, and protection of our 2nd Amendment and Article 1 Section 21 of the PA Constitution.



During World War II, the ACSL was the only recognized armed organization in Allegheny County other than the US Armed Forces and Law Enforcement Agencies. The 'ACSL Sheriff's Rifles' was reported by Robert J. Corbett, Commander of the Sheriff's Rifles, as being a "hard hitting defensive combat unit whose sole purpose is to destroy the enemy and it has been designed for the duration alone and when peace comes, the unit will automatically dissolve."

Today, the ACSL is continuing to Fight for Liberty, Conservation, Wildlife, and our Natural Resources.

Earlier this year, PA Senator Jim Brewster presented a special Senatorial Proclamation to current ACSL President, Klint Macro, during the ACSL's Annual Presidents Dinner. The proclamation reads:

Whereas, the Senate of Pennsylvania takes great pride in recognizing those organizations which, through adherence to the highest standards of service, contribute in a meaningful way toward a better and more protective society; and

Whereas, Allegheny County Sportsmen's League Inc., is celebrating the momentous occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

Whereas, organized in 1921 and incorporated in 1933, Allegheny County Sportsmen's League Inc., strives to promote and foster the protection and conservation of our renewable wildlife resources through hunting and fishing and to promote the improvement of hunting, fishing, and competitive shooting. The league has been instrumental in the passage of legislation to preserve this Commonwealth's natural resources, including the Pennsylvania Clean Stream Act, the Bituminous Open Pit Mining Act, the Solid Waste Management Act, and amendments to the Clean Air Act. Allegheny County Sportsmen's League Inc. has developed a strong reputation for

the highest quality of service throughout its history. By steadfast adherence to the principles of fairness, reliability, and integrity, it has become a leader in the community and a model that is worthy of emulation. Over the years, those in leadership positions as well as its members, have contributed in a tremendous way to its growth and development.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates Allegheny County Sportsmen's League Inc. upon its richly deserved recognition; extends warmest wishes for a future replete with ever-increasing success;

And directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Jim Brewster, be transmitted to the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League.

The Allegheny County Sportsmen's League is continuing its legacy into its next century!



Select Accomplishments:

- 1921 Organized
- 1933 Incorporated
- 1937 Pennsylvania Clean Stream Act
- 1937 Act 217 establishing Conservation Districts
- 1941 1st Annual Pennsylvania Sportsmen and Outdoor Life Show
- 1945 Acid mine drainage declared a pollutant
- 1956 Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- 1960 Pennsylvania Air Pollution Control Act
- 1963 Bituminous Open Pit Mining Act
- 1965 Act 194 to the Clean Streams Act
- 1967 Project 500 (\$500 million bond issue known as the "Land & Water Conservation & Reclamation Fund")

- 1967 Pennsylvania Mine Subsidence Law
- 1968 Solid Waste Management Act
- 1968 Amendments to the Air Pollution Control Act of 1960
- 1969 Conservation Bill of Rights
- 1970 Amendments to the Air Pollution Control Act of 1960
- 1971 All Surface mining Act
- 1971 Creation of the Department of Environmental Resources
- 1972 Regulations to control erosion and sedimentation
- 1973 Clean & Green Amendment
- 1974 Constitutional Right to Clean Air & Water
- 1979 Storm water Management Act
- 1980 Clean Air Act Amendments
- 1984 Drafted a proposal to standardize the application and issuance of permits for carrying concealed firearms.
- 1985 Annual sponsor of the Allegheny Sport, Travel & Outdoor Show for 25 years.
- 1985 Testified at the Game & Fish hearings for the Recodification of the Pennsylvania Game Laws.
- 1986 Testified in support of legislation exempting existing shooting ranges from noise pollution ordinances.
- 1988 Worked with NRA in having Senate Bill 245 passed and signed to make the application and issuance of firearm permits standard throughout Pennsylvania.
- 1993 Testified against the City of Pittsburgh Ban on So-called "Assault Weapons".
- 1994 Filed lawsuit against the City of Pittsburgh for the enactment of a ban on so-called "assault weapons".
- 1995 Filed Freedom of Information request that uncovered a secret plan by the City of Pittsburgh to establish an illegal computerized gun registration scheme.
- 1995 Took Legal Action against the City of Pittsburgh to prevent a computerized gun registration project.
- 2001 Filed Suit against the Pennsylvania State Police over the illegal firearms database.
- 2009 David L. Lawrence Convention Center retracts unconstitutional "gun free zone" policy as a result of pressure applied by the league.
- 2017 Funded the North American Chronic Wasting Disease Project with Unified Sportsmen of PA
- 2018 Secured the services of Attorney Joshua Prince to take legal action against the City of Pittsburgh for passing illegal ordinances that violated state preemption.
- 2019 Sued the City of Pittsburgh for contempt of court (pending)
Submitted Written Testimony to the PA State Senate Judiciary Committee
Co-funded an Amicus Brief filed by Joshua Prince along with Firearms Owners Against Crime, Gun Owners Foundation, Second Amendment Organization in John Doe 1, et al v. Governor of Pennsylvania, Et al
- 2020 Submitted letter in response to testimony given at the House Game and Fisheries Committee Hearing
Fought to keep open FFL's, Sheriffs LTCF offices, and Sportsmen's Clubs during

2021

Governor Wolf's "non-essential" purge, lock downs, and house arrests.
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